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ECCC Baseball Coaches

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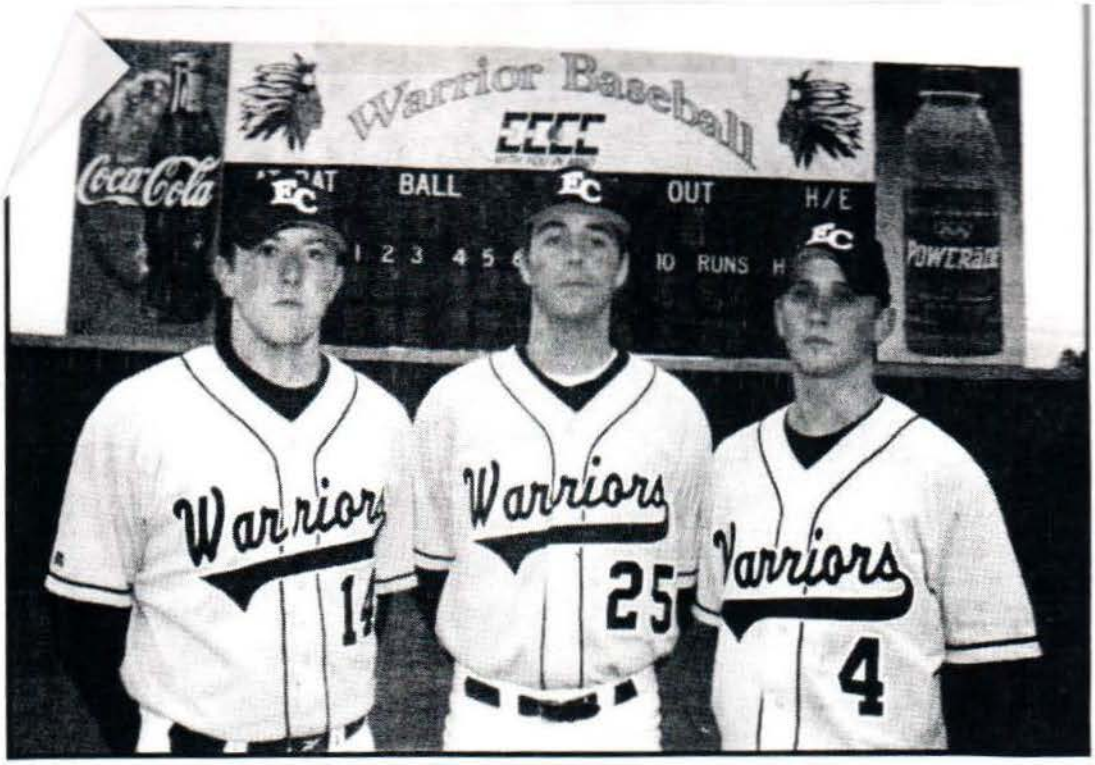

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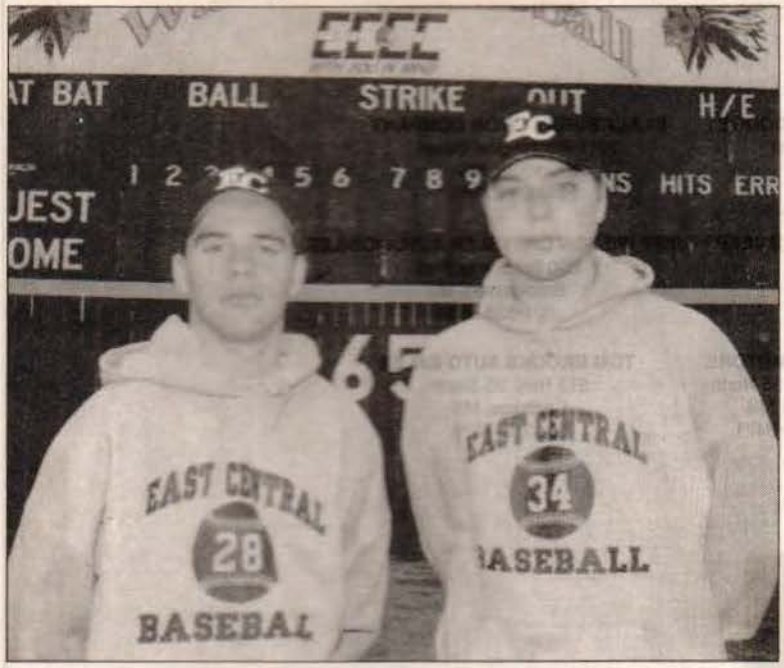

Serving as managers for the 2003 East Central Community College baseball team are Matthew Vance (left) of Conehatta, a graduate of Sebastopol Attendance Center, and Eric Hardy of Vicksburg. Not pictured is Charlene Foreman of Little Rock, a graduate of Newton County High School.

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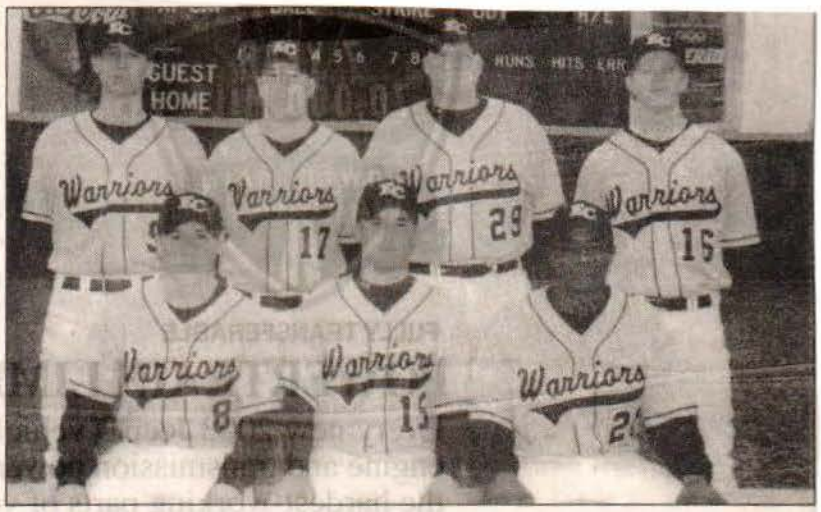
East Central Community College baseball coaches Jake Yarborough (left) and Reggie Richardson (right), and team captains Jake Nester (second from left) of Lake and Justin Darby of Union are pictured above.



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Warriors

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By Tony Krausz
staff writer

It wasn't ideal baseball weather on Saturday, and the box score reflected the spartan conditions the boys of spring played through in the second game on opening day of the Rush Classic.

The Meridian Community College Eagles (4-1) and the East Central Community College Warriors (4-0) combined for five errors, six wild pitches and seven pass balls in the night cap at Scaggs Field.

"It's early, and you are going to see errors and guys getting hit by pitches and walks," said MCC head baseball coach Michael Federico, whose team lost 10-9. "They pounced on our mistakes, and we pounced on their mistakes."

The Eagles appeared to be in control of the wild game that produced just six earned runs over nine innings.

MCC entered the final inning leading 9-6 but throwing gaffes and timely hits sealed the host team's fate.

ECCC shortstop Wes Turner led off the bottom of the ninth getting hit by a pitch, and Warriors second baseman Jake Nester followed with a double.

Turner scored from third base on a wild pitch by MCC's Brad McKee, and Nester crossed the plate after a throwing error by catcher Ricky Newman to cut ECCC's deficit to 9-8.

The Warriors tied the game at nine, two batters later after the Eagles swapped McKee for Bryan Eubanks on the mound.

ECCC's Michael Dunn hit a sacrifice fly to right field to drive home first baseman Justin Darby, who walked during his turn at the plate in the inning.

Eubanks struck out the next batter he faced, but with a runner on first base, Warriors catcher Robby Carey slapped an RBI single to right field with two outs for the go-ahead run.

"Meridian has a good program, and it says something for our guys to come back late in the game," said ECCC head baseball coach Jake Yarborough. "It is just a great game of baseball when you play in an intense game like this. It's good for our team moral to comeback on a good team."

ECCC sophomore pitcher Jarrod Vaughn took the mound in the bottom of the ninth to shut MCC's offense down.

The Louisville High School graduate struck out two Eagles' batters and induced a ground ball to second to pick up the save and seal the victory.

Warriors freshman pitcher Johnathan Sigrest picked up the win, after coming on in relief in the sixth inning.

The Scott Central High School graduate allowed no runs on one hits with five strike outs in 2 1/3 innings of work.

"Sigrest is a pitcher who doesn't throw real hard, but he has a lot of movement on his ball," Yarborough said. "(Sigrest) kept us in the game. Vaughn is our go-to guy late in the game. He's a sophomore, and he's got a little grit about him."

The opening day Rush Classic contest looked to be a pitcher's dual after the first four innings.

ECCC held a slim 2-1 lead, and the teams had only combined for six hits of Warriors starter Alex Shepard and Eagles starter Justin Rayburn.

The Warriors notched two runs in the top of fifth inning for a 4-1 lead, but the Eagles responded with two runs of their own in the bottom of the inning to keep it a one-run game.

MCC pasted six runs on the score board in the sixth inning thanks to an error, a pitch that got away from the catcher and a shot over the wall.

Eagles designated hitter Josh Morgan, who led off the inning getting hit by a pitch, and pinch runner Corey Littleton both scored on an error by Warriors pitcher Brent McMillan for a 5-4 MCC lead.

Eagles left fielder Brian Page added another run to the lead scoring on a past ball, with one out.

MCC first baseman Kyle Ginn, who went 2-for-5 at the plate with four RBIs, capped the sixth-inning rally blasting a three-run home run over the right-center field wall for a 9-4 lead.

"Our dugout was uptight when we were a little behind, and then, we get a six-run inning," Federico said. "Then you kind of relax, but we almost relaxed too much. I told our guys, 'It's not a high school game. That is a good team over there that is fighting each inning to scratch back.' That is what East Central did."

MCC left fielder Brian Page recorded the Eagles' other RBI, with a triple in the second inning.

Nester paced the Warriors' production at the plate going 3-for-5 with two RBIs. The second baseman recorded two doubles and a single in the win.

The ending may not have been what the Eagles desired, but the squad was glad it was able to get in the early season game.

"You don't want to lose games early because it is so hard to make them up later," Federico said. "We can't control the weather, and we were lucky to get the games in today. I know all the teams were happy that we got to play today."

MCC returns to action against East Mississippi Community College at 3 p.m. today, and ECCC takes on Jones County Junior College at noon today in the second day of the Rush Classic.

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CLOSE CALL AT THE PLATE

East Central's Wes Turner evades the tag of Meridian's Ricky Newman to score a run for the Warriors.

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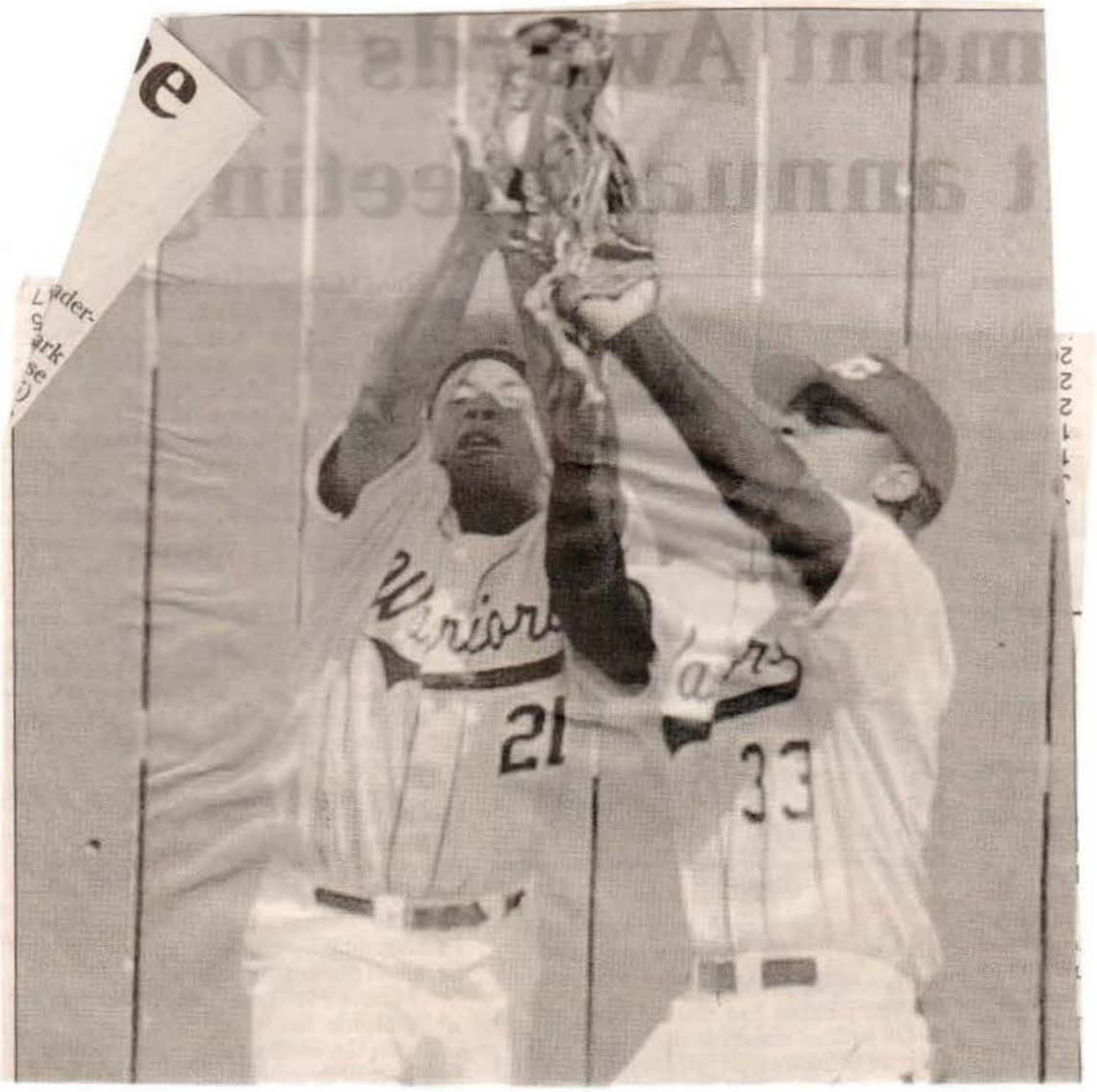

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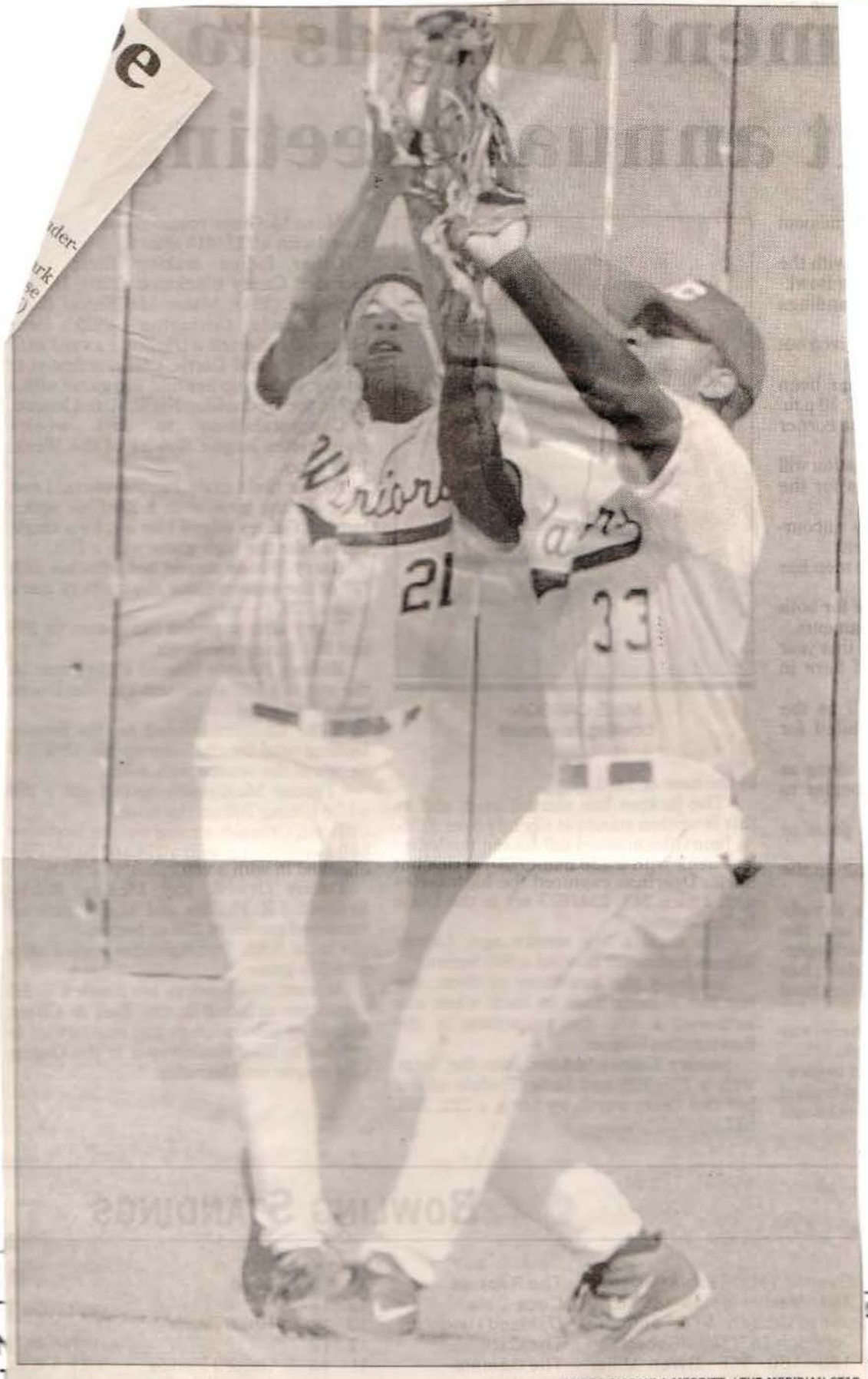

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IT'S MINE

East Central's Drew McGehee, left, makes the catch as he collides with teammate Van Wilson in the outfield.

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Warriors end Classic with perfect mark

By Tony Krausz
assistant sports editor

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The Warriors pressed their advantage in the bottom of the sixth inning knocking in three runs, on four hits, and one Lions' error for an 8-2 advantage.

ECCC second baseman Jake Nester led off the sixth with a double, and third baseman Justin Darby followed with an infield single to put runners at the corners.

Warriors designated hitter Destin Moore drove Nester in from third base with a single to right field, and Wilson picked up his fourth RBI of the game with a single that scored Darby.

ECCC catcher Jacob Townsed capped the three-run inning driving in Moore with a sacrifice fly to right field.

"We have worked hard in the offseason," Wilson said. "We had a lot of people doubting us from last year, because East Central didn't have a very good record. We have a lot of freshman and hard working people. It's good to come in here and get off to a good start."

Warriors freshman pitcher Jim Tally picked up the win allowing two runs, unearned, on three hits with two strike outs and one walk.

"Jim settled down on the mound," Yarborough said. "He's a freshman and is now 2-0. He started sticking it in there and getting the ball in better spots."

Clay appeared to be on cruise control of EMCC in the opening four innings of the contest.

The right hander from DeKalb High School effectively shut down ECCC's offense allowing just one run, unearned, on five hits over the opening innings of the game.

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Young Warriors roll

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The Diamond Warriors broke open a tight game by scoring six runs in the top of the ninth to clinch the victory. East Central also scored two runs in the first inning, one in the third, and one in the eighth.

Jones, which fell to 0-4, posted three runs in the first and one in the fifth.

Nester had two doubles to lead Warrior sluggers. Darby, Destin and Eiland had doubles each.

Turner collected the win.

East Central began action in the three-day tournament by rallying from a four-run deficit to defeat host Meridian Community College 10-9 Saturday afternoon.

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ECCC first baseman Tyler Rogers added a RBI single in the fifth for a 5-2 lead before EMCC could get out of the inning. The Warriors pressed their advantage in the bottom of the sixth inning knocking in three runs, on four hits, and one Lions' error for an 8-2 advantage. ECCC second baseman Jake Nester led off the sixth with a double, and third baseman Justin Darby followed with an infield single to put runners at the corners. Warriors designated hitter Destin Moore drove Nester in from third base with a single to right field, and Wilson picked up his fourth RBI of the game with a single that scored Darby.

ECCC catcher Jacob Townsed capped the three-run inning driving in Moore with a sacrifice fly to right field. "We have worked hard in the offseason," Wilson said. "We had a lot of people doubting us from last year, because East Central didn't have a very good record. We have a lot of freshman and hard working people. It's good to come in here and get off to a good start."

Warriors freshman pitcher Jim Tally picked up the win allowing two runs, unearned, on three hits with two strike outs and one walk.

"Jim settled down on the mound," Yarborough said. "He's a freshman and is now 2-0. He started sticking it in there and getting the ball in better spots."

Clay appeared to be on cruise control of EMCC in the opening four innings of the contest. The right hander from DeKalb High School effectively shut down ECCC's offense allowing just one run, unearned, on five hits over the opening innings of the game. "(Clay) did a good job in the first three or four innings," Yarborough said. "He kept the ball down and mixed up speeds." Nester went 3-for-6 at the plate for the Warriors, with two RBIs, and Moore, catcher Jacob Townsed and Rogers each recorded RBIs in the win.

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2003 East Central Warrior pitching staff

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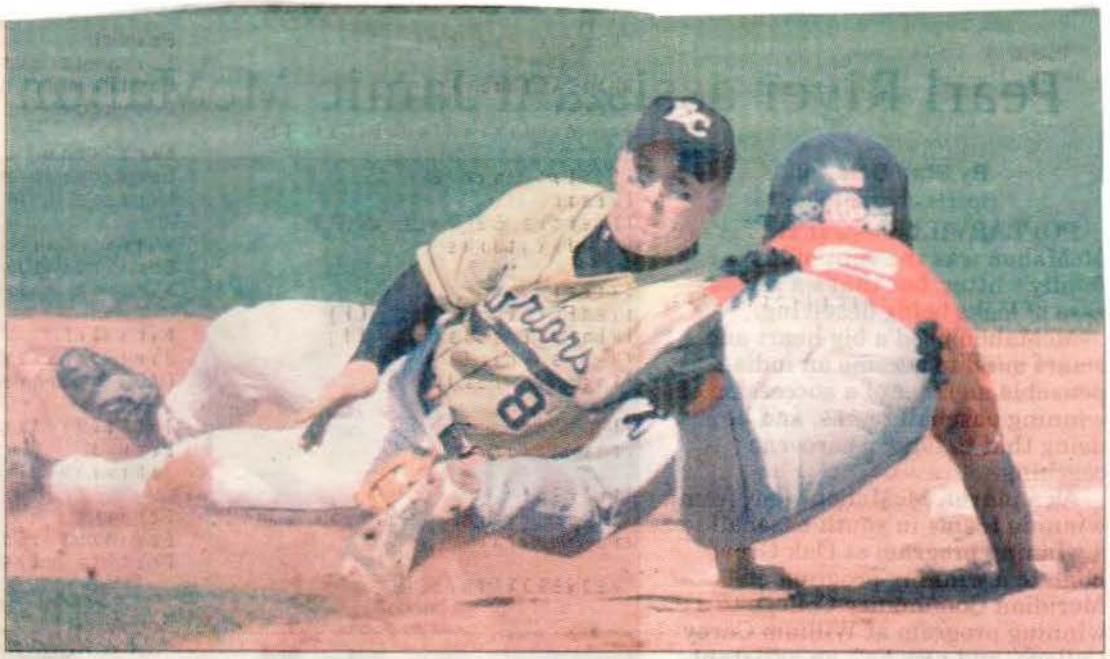

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HEAD FIRST

East Mississippi Community College's Josh Snider has his eyes on second base, while East Central Community College's Jake Nester (8) tries to make the tag during recent action.

MCC women's tennis team undefeated

From combined reports

The Meridian Community College women's tennis team is off to a 6-0 start after beating rival Copiah Lincoln 5-4 at the Northeast Tennis Complex last Tuesday afternoon.

Singles play was where the Lady Eagles rallied from a 2-1 deficit in doubles.

No. 1 player Charlotte Heidelberg, who is ranked 15th national in women's junior college singles, led the comeback with a straight set win over Lindsey Phillips.

Megan Chivas won the No. 2 match also in straight sets. Amanda Carden won her No. 3 match 6-4, 6-4.

The clincher though was a grueling three-setter between MCC's Bree Roberts and Ashley Matthews. Roberts won the first set 6-3. Matthews took the second 6-1. The third and final set went to 20 games before Roberts pulled out an 11-9 win to take the match.

In doubles play, Chivas and Heidelberg, who ranked sixth in the nation in women's doubles, downed Phillips and Phillips 9-7.

The toughest loss on the day though was Newton County's Melissa Kimbriel. Like Roberts, she had a split of sets. In set three, Kimbriel went 28 games before falling 15-13.

On Monday, MCC whipped Jones Junior College for its fifth match win of the season.

The Meridian Community College baseball Eagles spent the first part of their break in Florida at Chipola Community College. MCC played Chipola in a three-game series that began Friday in Marianna, Fla.

The Eagles, 8-3, on the season after going 1-2 in the Rush Invitational at Scaggs Field, were set to face the No. 1 draft pick of the Baltimore Orioles on Saturday in Adam Loewen.

— Jeff Byrd

They Said It

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East Mississippi

Lions head baseball coach Bill Baldner is elated to be heading into spring break with a winning record. The Lions made the first

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turn of the season at 7-6 after beating Jones Junior College 4-1 at Gerald Poole Field in Scooba on Wednesday afternoon.

The teams were set to play twice, but rain washed out the second game. EMCC was also set to play Delgado on Thursday, but that doubleheader was also rained out.

EMCC returns to action Friday against Northeast.

"We played a couple of pretty good teams (to date)," Baldner said. "East Central is hot and Meridian is a pretty good club. We just need to play some games and I think we will continue to win games. I like being above .500, you don't like having to work to get back up to a winning record."

EMCC was paced by a solid pitching effort from Lee Boyd, who got the win against Jones. Boyd went the distance allowing just one run off nine hits and struck out six.

"Boyd throws a lot of strikes," Baldner added. "If we play defense, he'll get outs."

Drew Powell led EMCC at the plate with two hits while Lions DH Rod Williams drove in two runs on a first-inning single.

— Jeff Byrd

They Said It

She's (Audosha Kelley) the real deal

PRCC coach Ed Walley

Pearl River

The basketball season continues for Pearl River Community College, after the Lady Wildcats defeated Southwest 75-66 Thursday in the championship game of the NJCAA Region 23 Tournament at Mississippi College in Clinton.

PRCC (23-7) earned a berth in the NJCAA National Tournament, beginning March 18 at Salina, Kan.

Thursday's win came one night after Pearl River shocked previously-undefeated Copiah-Lincoln 81-70 in the semifinal round. Audosha Kelley scored 34 points to lead the Lady Wildcats past Co-Lin, then added 23 in the championship game.

"She's the real deal," PRCC coach Ed Walley said. "She's not only one of the best players in junior college, she's one of the best players in this whole state, senior or junior college."

The PRCC men, however, saw their season come to an end at the region semifinals, as Holmes knocked off the Mississippi champions 72-71 on Wednesday.

The Wildcats let a 70-61 lead slip through their fingers in the final two minutes of the game against Holmes. Yandell Brown and Keesler Johnson each scored 22 points for Pearl River, which finished its season 25-5.

Jones JC

Coach Bobby Glaze's baseball Bobcats lost a 4-1 decision at East Mississippi last week. Ty Lawson, 0-2, started and took the loss, allowing four runs on nine hits, with two strikeouts and two walks. He held the Lions to one run on five hits after the first inning. Donnie Dearman's single scored Nick Chatham with JCJC's only run.

The second game was rained out, but JCJC head coach Bobby Glaze said the game will be made up March 19 when the Lions visit Ellisville for a 4 p.m. doubleheader.

Coach Mark Easley's tennis teams lost at Meridian last week. Their matches last Wednesday at Hinds were rained out and their scheduled home matches Thursday vs. Holmes were canceled because of a scheduling conflict.

The JCJC men's tennis team will be at Southwest Tuesday and both the men and women's teams will host East Central next Wednesday.

— Shawn Wansley

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2003 Diamond Warriors

ECCC Diamond Warriors

Above are members of the East Central Community College baseball team for the 2003 campaign.

First row, from left, are pitcher Drew McGehee, Water Valley; second baseman/short stop/outfielder Brian McNeill, Enterprise; catcher Robby Carey, Newton County; center fielder David Martin, Water Valley; left fielder Gabe Snow, Louisville; short stop/pitcher Wes Turner, Neshoba Central; second baseman Jake Nester,

Lake; and pitchers Gary Parker of Morton, Hunter Holley of Philadelphia and Brent McMillan of Newton.

Second row, from left, are short stop/second baseman Jacob Davis, Biloxi; first baseman/left fielder Tyler Rogers, Louisville; catcher Jacob Townsend, Neshoba Central; Outfielder/catcher Craig Martin, Lake; outfielder Drew Kenna, Forest; pitcher Jonathan Sigrest, Scott Central; third baseman Michael Dunn, Pascagoula; pitcher/third baseman Jim Talley, Mooreville: pitcher/right fielder Jarrod Vaughn, Louisville; and pitcher Alex Shepard, Sebastopol.

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TEAM CAPTAINS

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Coaches and Team Captains

East Central Community College baseball coaches Jake Yarbrough (left) and Reggie Richardson (right), and team captains Jake Nester (second from lef) of Lake and Justin Darby (third from left) of Union.

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Fri.	Coahoma	Clarksdale (S)	2:00P
Sun.	Jones	Decatur	1:00P
Wed.	Southwest	Decatur	1:00P
Sat.	Northeast	Booneville	2:00P
Tue.	*MCC	Decatur	1:00P
Sat.	*Hinds	Raymond	1:00P
Mon.	Judges Cup-EMCC	Decatur (S)	6:30P

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8 Tue.	*East Mississippi	Decatur
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18 Fri.	Co-Lin	Decatur
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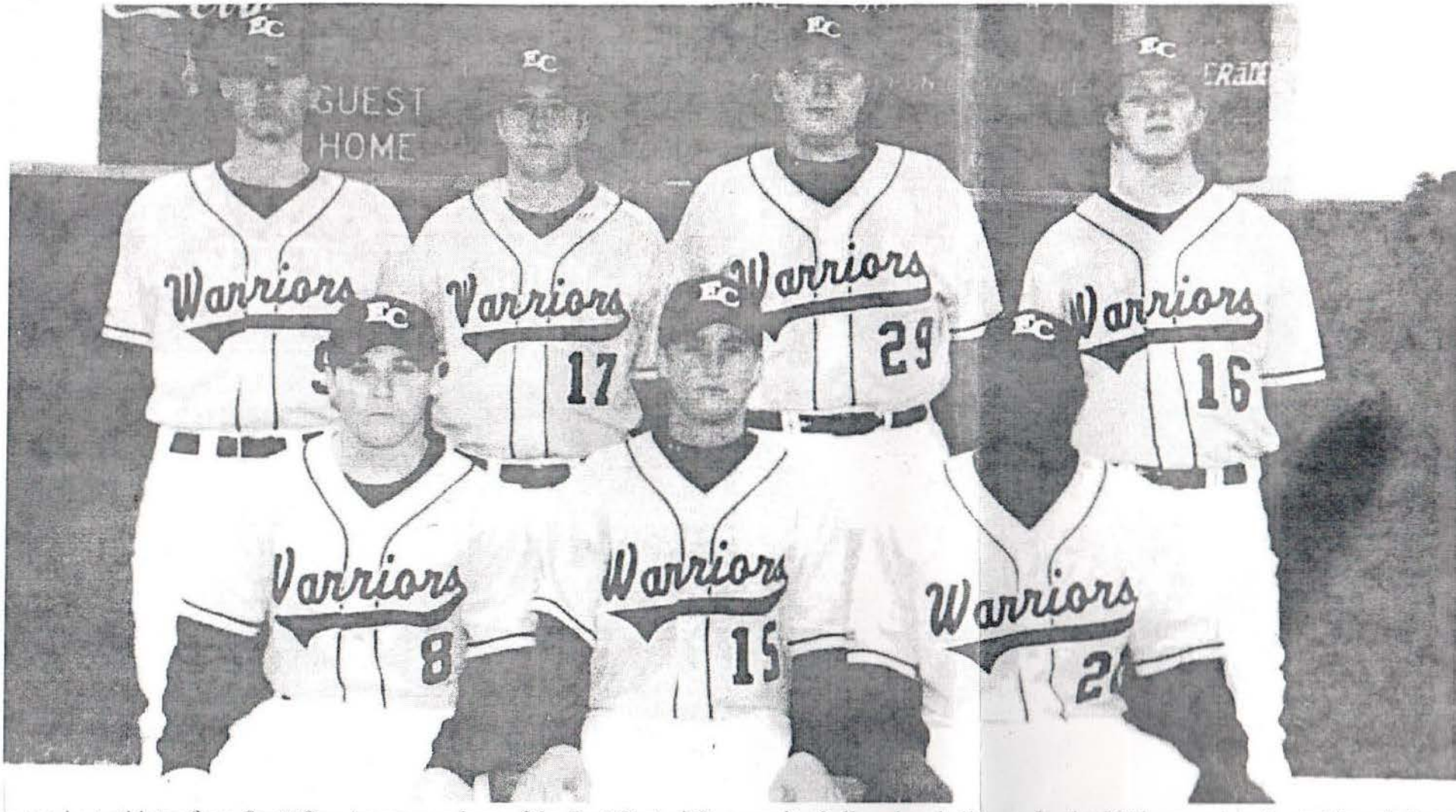
Martin and Nester headline ECCC Scott County players



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WEEK OF March

ECCC Diamond Warriors Begin 2003 Season 5-0

A mostly freshman squad took the field February 12 when East Central Community College began the 2003 season at Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale. The Warriors blasted Coahoma, 15-1. The Warriors went on a string of four more wins posting victories over Northeast MS CC 4-2 and 11-1, MCC 10-9, Jones County JC 11-4.

Head coach Jake Yarborough said his team's lack of experience is not an indication of a lack of talent. "We are a young team this year with 21 freshmen but I feel really confident in this team's abilities. We are hitting the ball well and the pitchers are improving at every outing. We are a defensively sound team and our offense should be able to provide support for our pitchers. We also have depth in each position, and players are having to compete for positions," said Yarborough, now in his second year in leading the Diamond Warriors. Yarborough said top returnees from last year's squad include infielder/pitcher Justin Darby of Union, second baseman Jake Nester of Lake, catcher Joey Holcomb of Locust Fork High School in Trafford, Ala., and pitchers Alex Shepard of Sebastopol and Jarrod Vaughn of Louisville. Darby batted .291 with 20 RBIs, and Nester posted a .257 average. Shepard had a 2.10 earned run average and Vaughn compiled a 4.97 ERA. Other top returnees are first baseman Tyler Rogers of Louisville and outfielder Paul Brown of Forest. Newcomers on the mound include Jim Talley, who posted a 19-0 record in leading Mooreville to the State Class 2A Championship; Jonathan Taylor, a transfer from Delta State University and native of Livingston, Ala.; and Hunter Holley, a southpaw from Philadelphia High School. Yarborough said he is also expecting strong performances from other members of the pitching staff, who include Brent McMillan of Newton, Gary Parker of Morton, Chris Middleton of Vicksburg, Tra Hickmon of Louisville, Drew McGehee of Water Valley, Dexter Sellers of Bastrop, Ala., Wes Turner of Neshoba Central and Jonathan Sigrest of Scott Central. Parker and McGehee are the southpaws in the group. Expected to see plenty of action in the infield are third baseman Michael Dunn of Pascagoula, short stop Jacob Davis of Biloxi, first baseman Destin Moore of Kosciusko, short stop Wes Turner of Neshoba Central and second baseman/short stop Brian McNeil of Enterprise. Sharing catching duties with Holcomb are Jacob Townsend of Neshoba Central and Robby Carey of Newton County. Battling for starting positions in the outfield are Drew Kenna of Forest, Gabe Snow and Kentay Bland, both of Louisville; David Martin of Water Valley, Craig Martin of Lake and Van Wilson of West Lauderdale. Assisting Coach Yarborough this season is Reggie Richardson, former head baseball coach at Southeast Lauderdale High School.

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Warriors split with Jones; get swept by Southwest

By ROCKY HIGGINBOTHAM
Sports Editor

East Central Community College split a doubleheader with visiting Jones County Junior College Sunday afternoon, falling 6-1 to the Bobcats in Game 1 before rallying for a 3-2 victory in Game 2.

The Warriors, who are now 10-9 on the season, also lost a doubleheader at Southwest last week and had an early-week twinbill against the Bears postponed due to wet weather. EC and Southwest are scheduled to make up that doubleheader Thursday at 1 p.m. in Decatur.

The Warriors are also slated to go to Northeast Mississippi Saturday, then entertain Meridian Community College in a key matchup next Tuesday (March 25).

In the 6-1 loss to Jones, the Warriors got a pair of singles from Destin Moore and a hit from former Neshoba Central standout Jacob Townsend. But a two-run homer by Jonathan Robertson was all the Bobcats needed. Alex Shepard (2-2) was saddled with the loss.

In the second contest, EC scored the winning run on an error in the seventh inning.

Jarrod Vaughn (2-2) got the win on the hill, while Justin Darby and Michael Dunn had two hits apiece to lead the Warriors.

Last week, the Warriors lost a doubleheader against Southwest, falling 10-7 and 2-1.

In the first game, East Central scored three times in the top of the first inning, but it was all downhill from there for the Warriors.

Jim Tally was the losing pitcher for EC, while Moore and Jake Nester both had doubles.

In the second game, Southwest broke a 1-1 tie with a single run in the bottom of the seventh inning and won a 2-1 thriller.

Dunn had a double to lead the Warriors' offensive attack, while Gary Parker was the tough-luck losing pitcher.

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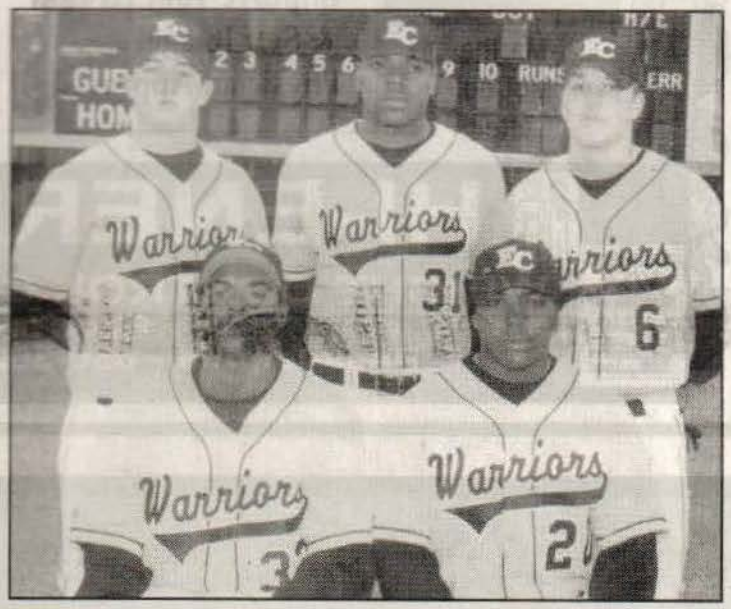

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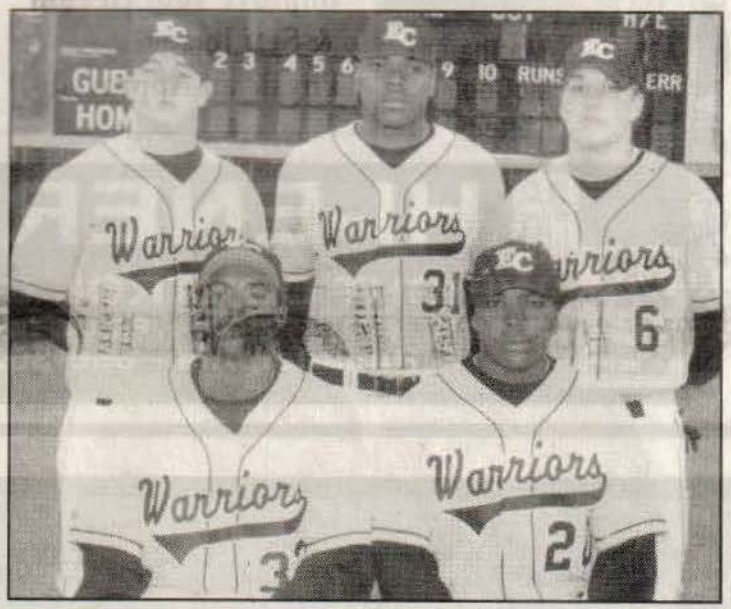

These former standouts at Louisville High School are members of the East Central Community College baseball team for the 2003 campaign. Seated from left are outfielder Kentay Eiland and pitcher/right fielder Jarrod Vaughn, and standing from left are first baseman/left fielder Tyler Rogers, pitcher Montrakus Hickman and left fielder Gabe Snow.

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MCC begins league

By Tony Krausz
assistant sports editor

MCC vs. East Cen

The Meridian Community College baseball team will wade into unfamiliar waters today, as the team travels to Decatur to take on East Central Community College.

For the first time in 12 years, the Eagles will be opening a conference baseball season.

MCC joined the newly formed Central Division this year, after being an independent program for a little over a decade.

"We are real excited," said MCC head baseball coach Michael Federico. "We don't know a whole lot about going into it. (MCC assistant coach Chad) Caillet and I played junior college in Mississippi, so we are kind of familiar with playing two double-headers, with each team home and away. In years past, we were more three-game sets, and now it will be four-game sets."

While being part of a conference may be new for the program, MCC's first opponent is very familiar.

Decatur is a mere 35 1/2 mile trek from Meridian, and the players on both squads have competed against each other through high school.

"When they beat us here, they acted like they won the World Series," said MCC pitcher/third baseman Van Pope, who will be starting the first game of the double-header. "That was crushing to us. I am from Hinds and playing aga me more enthused and ready to pitch to play all seven innings hard."

The Eagles will not just be lookin rights in the double-header, the gr clad squad will also be trying avenge this season.

The Warriors defeated the Eagle opening day of the Rush Classic Scaggs Field.

MCC led 9-6 entering the final inn inning contest, but the Eagles couldn't the win in the damp, cold conditions.

"We played very well for the fir innings of the game," Federico said. "(in the game, and their intensity was ve are a very energetic team, and (head) Yarborough and (assistant) coa Richardson do a great job with those to raise our intensity level and play b innings."

The Eagles will also be trying to road fortune against the Warriors.

MCC started the season on the Alabama Southern in Monroeville, Al

The West Lauderdale Lady Knights

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reaching base three times on a walk and two times being hit by a pitch.

"We need to keep doing some little things right," Federico said. "Especially running the bases, we did a great job of executing on balls in the dirt; we stole some bags; we stole third base a couple of times, and we put some hit-and-runs in play. We execute some little things to get our offense going. Some guys are swinging the bats well right now."

The first pitch is scheduled to be thrown at 1 p.m. today.

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by Tally.

MCC tied the game at four scoring two runs when ECCC center fielder Dexter Sellers lost a high fly ball from Eagles third baseman Ricky Newman in the sun.

Sellers couldn't make the catch for the third out of the inning, and Rousseve and MCC right fielder Brad McKee, who both drew two-out walks, scored to tie the game leading to the Eagles big sixth inning.

Following Self's homer and Phillips' single, McKee drove in a run with a single up the middle for a 6-4 advantage.

Morgan increased MCC's lead to 8-4 in the team's seventh at bat of the inning with a two-run single to center field, knocking ECCC's Shepard out of the game in favor of right-handed pitcher Johnathan Sigrest.

Pope introduced Sigrest into the game by hitting a three-run homer off the reliever for MCC's second round-trip shot of the inning, giving the Eagles an 11-4 lead.

Rousseve capped the scoring with a two-run double into the left-field corner for a 13-4 lead.

"We talk about it all the time, after a big hit whether it be a home run or double, trying to get the next guy on," Federico said. "Because he is like a lead-off hitter."

MCC also used the long-ball to energize its offense in game two.

Morgan smashed a one-out, two-run homer in the top of the fourth inning for the first runs of the second game.

The Eagles tallied two more runs in the inning off an RBI double from catcher Aaron George and a wild pitch that allowed Self to score for a 4-0 lead.

The Eagles posted three runs in sixth inning to take a 7-0 lead.

Self powered a 1-0 pitch off the scoreboard for his second home run of the game for the first run of the inning, and Rousseve and Newman each collected RBIs.

ECCC cut its deficit to 7-3 in the bottom of the sixth, with Tally leading off the Warriors' half of the inning reaching first on an error by Rousseve.

Dunn followed with a bloop single to right field, and left fielder Drew Kenna knocked MCC game-starter Todd Doolittle, who won the game allowing three runs, one earned, on eight hits, with six strike outs, in five innings of work, off the mound with an RBI double to left field.

MCC reliever Lance Reed attempted to stop the Warriors' rally getting the first two batters he faced to ground out to third, with runners on second and third base.

But Sellers was able to reach first on a dropped third strike, allowing Dunn to score from third base to cut MCC's lead to 7-2, and second baseman Jake Nester, who went 6-for-6 in the double-header, capped the scoring with an RBI single to left field.

MCC posted two more runs in the second game off a two run-homer from George to cap the scoring.

MCC continues its season against Holmes Community College at 1 p.m. Saturday at Scaggs Field, and ECCC continues its season against Hinds Community College at 1 p.m. Saturday on the road.

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COLLISION AT HOME

Eagles' pitcher provides offensive punch in sweep

By Tony Krause

Phillips ripped a single down the third-base line, following MCC center fielder Sam Self's lead-off solo home run to give MCC a 5-4 lead, and the Eagles pounded out nine runs on eight hits in the inning.

"It was exciting for the pitchers," said MCC head coach Michael Federico of Phillips' hit. "They talk about it all the time that they want to get in there and hit. It wasn't planned, Kyle Ginn got hit in the face during (batting practice), and we didn't have him today. Also with Van (Pope) coming out, we didn't have anybody to come in there and pinch hit. Jason did a

added, with a laugh.

MCC (34-8, 3-0) went on to win the opening game of the Central Conference double-header against ECCC, and the Eagles took the second game 9-2 over the Warriors, (28-22, 3-3).

"Coming in we knew the first two conference games," said Phillips, who added up the game-one win allowing one run in three hits in three innings of work, with one strike out and a walk. "Hopefully we can get on a winning streak and get two more wins next game to start 4-0 in the conference."

ECCC gave up 22 hits and used eight pitchers in the two home losses, but Warriors head baseball coach Jake Yarborough said it is too early to panic.

"It's still early," Yarborough said. "We just have to bounce back."

The Eagles double-header sweep stopped a five-game road losing streak.

MCC began the season winning its first two games on the road against Alabama Southern at Monroeville, Ala., but the Eagles have struggled away from the nest losing

RBIs, in the sweep. "We are hitting the ball and seeing it real well. Hopefully we'll carry this up and carry it on through conference play."

MCC used back-to-back walks to lead off the first inning in the opening game to post an early 2-0 advantage.

Morgan recorded the Eagles first hit and RBI of the game in the team's fourth at bat hitting a single to right field to score lead-off hitter Brandon Rousseve.

Eagles game one starting pitcher Van Pope, who went 4-for-7 in the double-header, with four RBIs, followed with a sacrifice fly to right field for the two-run lead.

ECCC tied the game in the bottom of the second inning posting two runs on three hits, after getting back-to-back singles from third baseman Michael Dunn and first baseman Tim Tally to lead off the second.

Warriors shortstop Wes Turner drove in the first run for the home team with a bloop single to left field to score Dunn, and left fielder Brian McNeil drove in Tally with a fielder's choice single to knot the game at two.

ECCC took a 4-2 lead in the

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JCJC-ECCC Split Twinbill

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

Forgive the Jones Junior College Bobcats if they trade in the rest of their 2003 baseball schedule in order to play the remainder against East Central Community College.

The Bobcats won Sunday's opener at Jamie Clark Memorial Stadium 6-1 before losing 3-2 in the second game as their record went to 3-11. All three wins have come against the Warriors, who are 10-9.

"The thing is, we've been in every game this year but two," JCJC head coach Bobby Glaze said. "That second game today was like the story of our season.

"We're 3-11, but nine of those 11 losses could have gone our way had we not made a mistake here and a mistake there. Even the three wins we've got could have gone the other way.

"When you're playing close games like that, you've got to find a way to win and that's what we're hoping to do before conference play starts."

In the opener, the Bobcats struck for four runs in the fourth inning. Singles by Donnie Dearman and Chad McIlwain preceded a three-run blast by first baseman Jonathan Robertson.

"Three-run homers help put you ahead in a hurry," Glaze said of Robertson's blast to left field.

Michael McCraney re-ignited the rally with a single and scored on a double in the right field corner by Scott Robertson. The Bobcats added insurance runs in the sixth and seventh frames.

Jonathan Robertson led off the sixth with a double and came home on a sacrifice fly by Scott Robertson Jared Myrick had a double in the seventh that saw Nick Chatham get thrown out at the plate on Wes Turner's relay throw from left-center. A single by McIlwain gave Jones a 6-1 lead.

ECCC got its only run in the bottom of the third as Justin Darby drew a one-out walk and Jake Nester followed with a single.

Darby scored when he jarred the ball loose from Myrick in a collision at the plate on a single by Destin Moore. Moore had two singles out of ECCC's five hits.

Myrick, McIlwain, Jonathan Robertson, and McCraney each had two of Jones' 12 hits. "We got a well-pitched game out of Chris Holloman and our defense didn't make an error," Glaze said. "We also put the bat on the ball and got some timely hits to take a little pressure off our defense.

"I was very proud of our overall ballgame in the first game." Holloman (2-3) got the win with Alex Shepard (2-2) taking the loss.

A bungled play on the infield with the bases loaded and two outs in the bottom of the seventh gave the Warriors a split. After Robbie Carey reached on a two-out error, Paul Brown and Darby were hit by pitches by JCJC reliever Nathan Jack.

Dexter Sellers hit the ball to shortstop Chancy Rogers, but his flip to Chatham at second base fell to the ground as the winning run crossed the plate.

Jones took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on an RBI double by Jonathan Robertson.

ECCC rallied to take a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the fifth as Darby's infield hit drove in Brown, who had walked, stolen second, and gone to third on a wild pitch.

Darby then came home on a single by Sellers. A throwing error by ECCC shortstop Brian McNeill allowed McIlwain to score the tying run in the top of the sixth.

Jarrod Vaughn (1-1) went the distance to get the win.

He fielded five comebackers and struck out four. "That's a good job of him keeping us off-balance," Glaze said.

"He kept us down to one or two runs and then when you make an error like we did, it magnifies it and takes you out of the ballgame.

"What hurt us as much as the error was us not scoring some runs." Vaughn's outing may have him back in the starting rotation after a relief role that has seen him record a pair of saves.

"You have to give him credit," ECCC head coach Jake Yarborough said of the sophomore righty. "He kept us in the game." Darby and Michael Dunn both had two of ECCC's six hits.

Jonathan Robertson had two of Jones' six hits. Jack got the loss. Jones holds a 3-2 advantage in the season's series.

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The 2003 ECCC Diamond Girls which includes several Winston natives :(front row, from left) Courtney Puckett of Louisville, Renee Thompson of Morton, Shelley Johnson of Newton, Jennifer Walker of Philadelphia an Lindsey Harrell of Morton; (second row, from left) Sandy Keene of Union, Kelli Linch of Louisville, Rhonda Munn of Philadelphia and Liz Kirk of Louisville; and (back row, from left) April McAdory of Philadelphia, April Jones of Forest, Amy Warner of Louisville and Morgan Harris and Brittany Harris, both of Louisville. Not pictured are Elizabeth Johnson and Mary Margaret Irons, both of Philadelphia; Megan Logan and Ashley Jones, both of Newton, and Rachael Clark and Beth Pearson, both of Louisville. East Central baseball coaches Jake Yarborough (head) and Reggie Richardson (assistant) serve as sponsors.

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lead, as they roughed up Lions closer Dustin Pounders for four hits.

Pounders was pulled after getting just one out.

"I can add it up, (Pounders) has given up between 12 and 15 runs his last four outings," Baldner said. "He's supposed to be our closer, and he gave up three (runs). We just got out played, and we didn't do the things we need to do to win games."

Whitaker went 3-for-6 for the Lions, with two RBIs, and Powell went 3-for-4, with one RBI.

Moore went 1-for-4 for the Warriors, with two RBIs, and Kenna went 2-for-4, with one RBI and a double.

ECCC continues its season against Copiah-Lincoln Community College at 4 p.m. today on the road. EMCC continues its season against Meridian CC in a double-header at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Scaggs Field.

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ONE RUN IN

East Mississippi's Chris Walker slides in to score before the ball hops in to East Central's Jacob Townsend's glove.

Errors lead Warriors by Lions

By Tony Krausz
assistant sports editor

DECATUR — The fourth incarnation of the annual Judge's Cup baseball game between the East Central Community College Warriors (12-14) and the East Mississippi Community College Lions (10-17) deviated slightly from its predecessors.

In the first three years of the annual nine-inning contest, no team had won by more than two runs, and the last two games were decided by just one run.

But the Warriors, who owned a 2-1 series edge entering Monday's game, took the Judge's Cup home with a 10-6 victory over the Lions, who won for the first time last season with a 4-3 win.

"It's a big rivalry," said ECCC head baseball coach Jake Yarbrough. "East Central and Scooba are close, and it is something our guys really look forward to playing. It's exciting for our guys to win tonight."

The contest got off to a wild start with ECCC notching four runs, all unearned, in the bottom of the first inning for a 4-0 lead.

The Warriors tallied their runs on the strength of one hit, two errors by Lions second baseman Dusty Snider and a wild pitch.

"We gave them six outs in the first inning," said EMCC head coach Bill Baldner. "Any club is going to score runs if you give them six outs."

ECCC center fielder Brian McNeil opened the door for the four-run inning reaching first on a Snider error to lead off the inning.

Warriors left fielder Drew Kenna followed with a single that tight-roped its way down the third base

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line, but McNeil only advanced one spot, after he slipped rounding second.

The error bug bit Snider at second base again, following a fly out in foul territory by ECCC's Jake Nester.

Warriors designated hitter Destin Moore popped a ball up to the edge of the infield. Snider was able to get under the ball, but the Lions' second baseman could not hang on after he slipped allowing the Warriors to load the bases with one out.

ECCC got its first run on the board with a fielder's choice hit by first baseman Jim Tally.

Tally smacked a ground ball to EMCC third baseman Drew Powell, who opted to try to throw McNeil out at home.

Powell's throw sailed high on Lions catcher Justin McMullin, allowing McNeil to score for a 1-0 advantage.

Warriors right fielder Van Wilson drew a bases-loaded walk for the next run of the inning, and Moore crossed the plate next on a wild pitch for a 3-0 lead.

ECCC third baseman Michael Dunn capped the scoring grounding out to the shortstop allowing Tally to score from third.

EMCC battled back into the game in the top of the second inning.

The Lions tallied five consecutive singles for three runs to cut the Warriors' lead to 4-3.

"We battled back," Baldner said. "I thought we pitched well, and (relievers Andrew) Pylate and (Andrew) Lilly kept its close."

ECCC got two runs back in the bottom of the second inning.

Moore drove in the runs with a two-out single up the middle for a 6-3 advantage, but EMCC wouldn't go away pulling within one run of the lead in the top of the third inning.

Whitacker started the two-run rally, with two outs and a runner on third, hitting an RBI single to center field.

EMCC first baseman Lance Martin drove in Whitaker two batters later with an RBI single of his own to cut ECCC's lead to 6-5.

"We just threw a lot of pitches early in the game," Yarbrough said. "We went to far into the count, and Holly threw too many counts at 3-2. He gave up a lot of singles, but he didn't give up too many big balls. It was a long three innings, and we had a lot of errors behind him."

Yarbrough pulled his starting pitcher Hunter Holley from the game at the top of the fourth and put in reliever Justin Darby. A move that paid huge dividends for the home team.

Darby shut down the Lions' offense allowing just five hits in six innings of work, with four strike outs and one walk, to assure the win for the Warriors.

"Justin Darby came in and did an excellent job for us," Yarbrough said. "I'm very proud of his performance today. He threw a lot of strikes and got ahead of the hitters."

ECCC put the game away in the bottom of the eight inning.

The Warriors tacked on three runs to their 7-6

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ECCC Diamond Warriors, Hinds Split DoubleHeader

East Central Community College split a doubleheader with Hinds Community College Sunday afternoon in Raymond, winning the first game by an 8-4 score and falling 12-3 in the nightcap.

Freshman right-hander Jimmy Talley of Saltillo picked up the win for East Central, which scored three runs in the second and five in the seventh to claim the division victory.

Freshmen Drew Kenna of Forest and Brian McNeill of Meridian had doubles each to lead the Diamond Warriors at the plate.

East Central, 11-14 overall and 1-3 in the Central Division, hosts East Mississippi in the annual Judge's Cup tonight (March 31) at 6:30 p.m.

The single contest is sponsored by Judge Little Sporting Goods in Meridian.

The Diamond Warriors travel to Copiah-Lincoln on Tuesday, April 1 for a doubleheader getting underway at 4 p.m., and will host Holmes Community College Saturday, April 5 in doubleheader action beginning at 1 p.m. at Jamie Clark Memorial Stadium in Decatur, Mississippi

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For the men, the Bobcats got two forwards – Brandon Easterwood from Laurel and Ivan Lopez from Venezuela, now living in Hattiesburg; four midfielders — Marcus Garec, Ben Pace and Matthew from Hanna from West Jones, and Jeff Miller from George County; and five defenders – Eric Asmar from Laurel, Adam Bailey from George County, Justin Beck from George County, Andy Gough from Vicksburg St. Aloysius, and Rusty Russell from Petal.

The JCJC men's tennis team improved to 4-4 with a 9-0 victory over Southwest.

The Bobcat baseball team opened South Division play by splitting a home doubleheader with Co-Lin. The lost to the Wolves, 8-5, in the opener and then rebounded to win a 13-12 shootout in game two. Chad McIlwain's base hit in the bottom of the seventh plated the winning run.

JCJC, 10-15 overall and 1-1 in the division, traveled to Pearl River Wednesday and hosts Gulf Coast Saturday in a 1 p.m. doubleheader.

The Bobcats have released their 2003 football schedule. They open the season Sept. 4 at East Mississippi. They meet Mississippi Delta Sept. 13 in the annual Laurel Lions Bowl. They visit Coahoma on Sept. 18 and will play Co-Lin at home in the new football stadium on Sept. 27.

They visit Southwest on Oct. 2, host East Central on Oct. 11, travel to Pearl River on Oct. 18, host Hinds on Oct. 25 and end the season at Gulf Coast on Nov. 1.

— Shawn Wansley

East Mississippi

The East Mississippi Community College baseball finally stopped a nine-game skid winning the second game of a doubleheader against Bevill State Community College on March 26.

The Lions (10-16, 0-2 Central Conference) defeated the Bears 5-4, with EMCC's John Iverson's grounder to the shortstop in the seventh inning.

The Bevill State shortstop missed his mark on the throw to first base for the force out, allowing EMCC to score the winning run.

EMCC lost the opening game of the doubleheader 8-5.

The Lions traveled to Moorhead on March 27 for a nine-inning contest against Mississippi Delta Community College to close out the week. EMCC fell to MDCC 21-5.

The EMCC softball squad split its Central Conference doubleheader with East Central Community College on the road on March 24. The Lady Lions won the opening game 6-2, but they fell 9-2 in game two.

EMCC went on to lose both games of a conference doubleheader to Hinds Community College on March 26. The Lady Lions lost 2-1 and 4-1 at home.

— Tony Krausz

East Central

The East Central Community College baseball team didn't get off to a good start in MACJC Central Division play on March 25.

The Warriors dropped both games of a doubleheader to the Eagles of Meridian Community College at home.

ECCC's one bright spot in the sweep was the play of second baseman Jake Nester, who went 6-for-6 in the double-header.

"Jake (Nester) is leading our team in hitting," Yarborough said of his team's captain. "We expect him to do good things, and he did really well today."

Open tryouts for the 2003-04 East Central Community College women's basketball team will be held at 6 p.m. today in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Lady Warrior head coach Brad Hodge said participants should bring their own practice gear and shoes. For more information contact Hodge (ext. 372) or assistant coach Betsy Harris (ext. 234), Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222.

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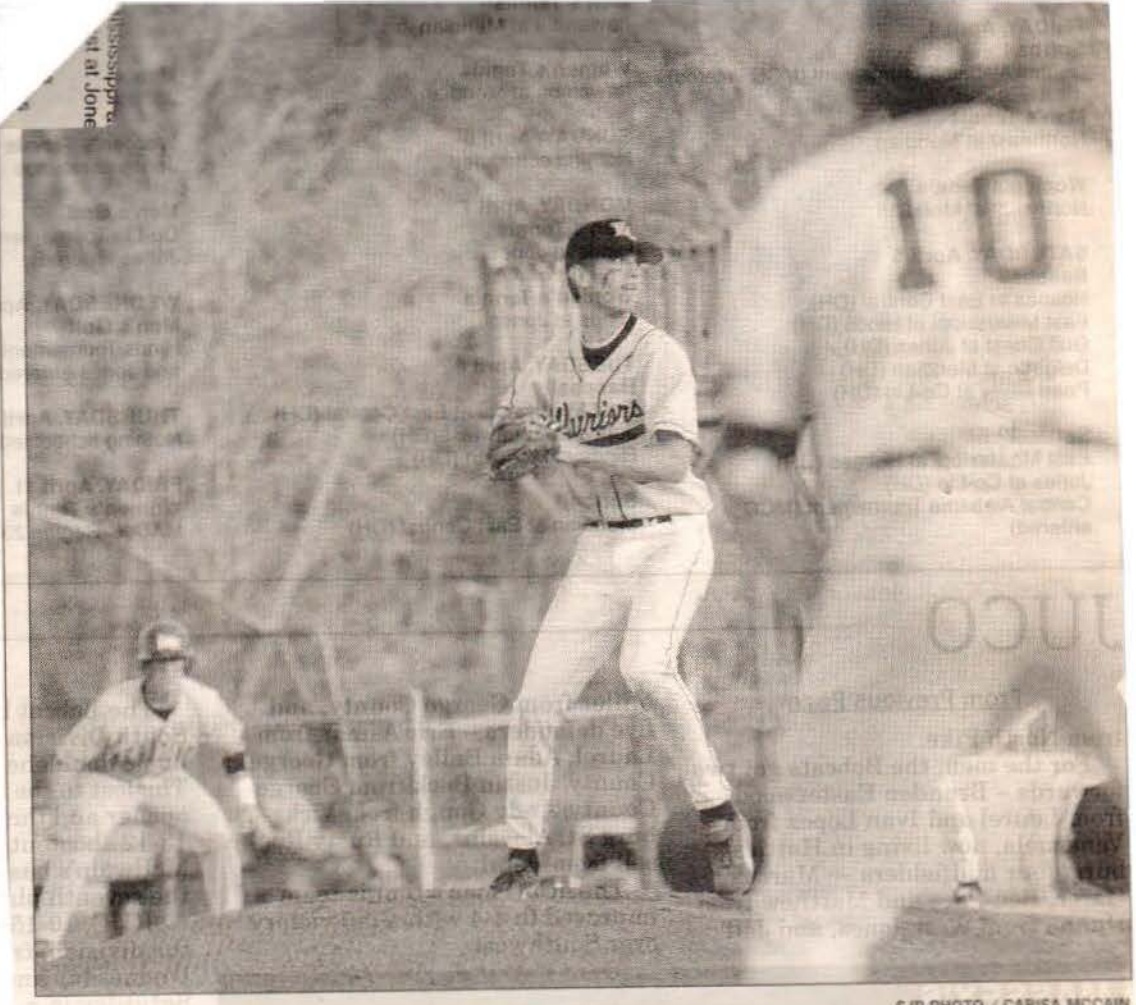

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ON THE WAY

East Central's Wes Turner pitches with Meridian runners on first and third during recent action.

MCC baseball gets off to strong Central Division start

From Combined Reports

The Meridian Community College baseball team got off to a strong start in its first year in the MACJC Central Division.

The Eagles (17-9) went 9-1 in their first four games of conference play.

MCC swept East Central Community College at Chris Gay IV Memorial Field on March 25 in a double-header 13-5 and 9-3.

The Eagles were powered to the double-header wins on the strength of game-one relief pitcher Jason Phillips' work at the plate.

MCC lost the services of utility infielder Kyle Ginn before the game when the Tylertown native was struck in the face by a ball in batting practice forcing head coach Mike Federico to send his relief pitcher to the batter's box in the top of the sixth inning.

Phillips smacked a single down the third-base line in his first at bat, and he reached base in his other at bat when he was hit by a pitch.

MCC followed the conference opener sweep splitting a double-header against the Holmes Community College Bulldogs at Scaggs Field last Saturday.

The Eagles won the opening game of the double-header 9-2 on the strength of freshman starting pitcher Matthew Creighton's performance on the mound.

The 6-foot-5 left-hander picked up the win going 6 2/3 innings allowing two runs on two hits, with five strike outs and three walks.

Holmes won the second game of the double-header 5-4.

— Tony Krausz

Jones Junior College

The Jones Junior College Bobcats signed 22 soccer players to scholarships last week, 11 men and 11 women.

For the women, JCJC signed two forwards — Sarah Bridges from West Jones and Tera Britton, a William Carey College transfer, from Wayne County; five midfielders — Katie Allgood and Lindsey Gavin from West Jones, Kellie Bishop from South Jones, Katherine Gerald from Florence and Bridgette Winn from Jackson (home-schooled); and four defenders — Olga Grimaldo from South Jones, Kristel Heckman and Brianna Taylor from West Jones, and Kayla Mullins

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Eagles, Warriors battle

By Jeff Byrd
sports editor

After literally throwing away a win in game one, the Meridian Community College Eagles came back to salvage a split with visiting East Central here Saturday afternoon at Scaggs Field.

The split leaves Meridian in first place in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College's Central Division, but the Eagles must now play well next week when they travel to Holmes Community College.

Avoiding what happened in the seventh inning against East Central in game one will be crucial.

East Central was down to its last strike in a 4-3 game. Warrior batter Dexter Sellers was facing an 0-2 count against MCC reliever Lance Reed with two out in the top of the seventh inning. Justin Darby was on third after moving over from second a fly-out RBI by Destin Moore that made it 4-3.

Warrior head coach Jake Yarborough decided to try a gambit by sending Jake Nester, who was on first after an intentional one-out walk to load the bases, on a delayed steal.

Reed turned around and saw Nester slowing up going to second, trying to draw a throw. Instead of making a decisive throw or possibly just ignoring Nester, Reed made a late throw to second base. The throw went behind shortstop Brandon Rousseve who was moving in to make the tag.

The errant throw allowed Paul Brown to trot home with the tying run. Then, Sellers came back drilling a double to left sending Nester in with the eventual winning run at 5-4.

ECCC pitcher Jim Tally then completed his effort by retiring MCC in order in the bottom of the seventh to record the improbable comeback win.

"I was just trying to make something happen," Yarborough said of his seventh inning gamble. "We were fortunate it that it worked.

"Our guys deserve credit. They battled hard all day. They stayed in it."

MCC came back scoring seven runs over its final two at bats to beat East Central 10-4 in game two.

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MCC got RBI singles from Brad McKee and Ricky Newman to take a 2-0 lead after two complete. East Central made it 2-1 when Brian McNeil doubled in a run in the fourth.

The Eagles answered with Sam Self belting a double into left scoring courtesy runner Corey Littleton to make it 3-1.

McNeil got his second RBI of the game when his fly-ball out scored Sellers in the sixth to make it 3-2.

The Eagles got the run back when Aaron George led off the seventh with a solo home run to left. It was his seventh homer of the season.

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The Eagles trailed 2-0 going to the fourth inning. That's where they got some help from East Central.

The Warriors committed two errors and a wild pitch leading to three Eagle runs.

"We're a young, young team and we made some mistakes there in that inning that hurt us," Yarborough added.

East Central tied it at 3-3 in the fifth when Nester singled in Drew Kenna with two out.

MCC bounced back scoring two in the bottom of the fifth off a two-run shot by Josh Morgan. The homer was Morgan's 10th of the season and it knocked

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Lions, Warriors split two

By Tony Krausz
assistant sports editor

DECATUR — East Central Community College relief pitcher Justin Darby didn't allow a near flawless performance by Warriors game-one starter Jarred Vaughn go to waste in the squad's frigid afternoon doubleheader against the East Mississippi Community College Lions on Wednesday.

The sophomore hurler ignored the cold conditions and the tight spot he entered in the opening game of a double-header against the Lions to secure a 2-1 win for the Warriors (15-17, 3-5 Central Division) at Jamie Clark Memorial Stadium, but the Lions (12-21, 2-6 Central Division) took the second game 6-5 in eight innings to avoid the sweep.

"It was a little cold, and the wind was blowing in the guys' faces a little bit. The baseballs did have a little giddy up because of the wind," said EMCC head baseball coach Bill Baldner. "The umpiring was a little shaky, there was some shaky calls in both games."

Darby entered the first game of the day in the top of the seventh inning with the bases loaded, after Vaughn hit a Lions' batter to give EMCC its lone run of the contest.

The 6-foot-2 Warriors' reliever induced the first batter he faced into a double play fielding a roller to the mound to throw out a base runner at home, and ECCC catcher Jacob Townsend fired the ball down to first base for the second out of the inning.

Darby sowed up the win striking out the final batter he faced.

"(Darby) did a really good job of throwing strikes," said ECCC head baseball coach Jake Yarborough. "He made a good double play from the pitcher to home to first, and he kind of took the air out of (EMCC). He did an excellent job coming in under fire and pressure."

ECCC reliever Clint Richards [illegible] Darby's save performance in the second game of the day [illegible] the eighth inning with a runner on first and a one-run advantage.

The [illegible] Lions' reliever gave up a walk to the first batter he faced, but the right-handed struck the next batter and induced [illegible] outs to seal the win.

"Richards [illegible] them down tremendously," Baldner said. "We are happy to split on the road."

Vaughn notched the [illegible] work.

The Warriors' 5-foot-8 hurler retired the Lions in order in three of his six innings on the mound, and he faced only four batters in the other three inning before running into trouble in the top of the seventh.

"(Vaughn) pitched a jewel, so did (EMCC's) pitcher" Yarborough said. "He kind of lost it there in the end and couldn't find the strike zone."

[illegible] formance on the mound in the opening game.

Lions game-one starter Lee Boyd allowed two runs on five hits in six innings of work.

The right-handed sophomore struck out four and issued one walk in the loss.

"We pitched just enough to win the first game, but we didn't get the big hits," Baldner said. "Boyd pitched [illegible] runs."

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COLD WEATHER PUT OUT

East Central's Paul Brown is forced out at second as East Mississippi's Matt Minchew looks to turn a [illegible]

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RBI single of his own in the Warriors' half of the first.

But the Lions continued to torment ECCC game-two starter Gary Parker in the second inning.

EMCC's Dusty Snider and Drew Powell led off the second with back-to-back singles, and Lions shortstop David Nanney moved the runners to second and third base with a bunt to the pitcher.

John Iverson knocked Parker off the mound smacking a double to right field to score Snider and Powell for the two-run lead.

"They jumped on us pretty quick," Yarborough said. "We gave up five hits in one and one-third of an inning."

ECCC reliever Jonathan Taylor shored up the damage, allowing just two more runs in the fourth inning.

EMCC left fielder Josh Snider pushed a run across the plate with a fielder's choice hit, and McMullan hit a sacrifice fly to center field to give the Lions a 5-1 lead.

Taylor kept the Lions' offense at bay for the rest of the game giving up four hits, with four strike outs and one walk, in 6 2/3 innings of work.

"(Taylor) did a good job," Yarborough said. "He kept us in the game and did everything we asked him to do."

Warriors clawed their way back into the game in the bottom of the fourth notching three runs on four hits and one Lions' error.

ECCC second baseman Jak Nester tallied a two-run singl up the middle of the infield fo the first runs of the inning, an Moore followed with a RB single for his own to cu EMCC's lead to 5-4.

Warriors catcher Michae Dunn knotted the game at five with a wind-assisted home run

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MCC takes two from East Central

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

DECATUR — Meridian Community College used three big innings to sweep East Central Community College 6-0, 16-2 in an MACJC Central Division softball doubleheader Wednesday afternoon.

MCC had 23 hits in the sweep, while ECCC managed only six in the bone-chilling conditions.

The Central Division-leading Lady Eagles improved to 18-13 overall and 11-1 in league play. ECCC dropped to 10-14 and 3-7.

The Lady Warriors hung with MCC for five innings in the opener trailing by a 1-0 margin until the Lady Eagles erupted for five runs in the top of the sixth.

Gillian Loughead led off with a single, took second on a wild pitch, and scored on a single by Kaylora Bingham. By the time the third out was recorded, MCC had four more hits and scored four more times to take a 6-0 lead.

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Amanda Stricklin and Kenya Smith had singles with Ashley Cofield driving in a pair of runs with a single. Morgan Wright, who went 3-for-3, had an RBI single with the final run coming home on a sacrifice fly by Lindsey Stamm.

Prior to the sixth, MCC's only run came when Bingham's fourth inning fly ball to deep center fell for two bases with Smith's ground out snapping a scoreless battle.

MCC finished with 10 hits with Bingham going 2-for-4.

"We started out a little slow," MCC head coach Robert Eakins said. "I'm not going to take anything away from them. They kept us off-balance in the beginning.

"We got a big hit or two and scored five runs and that carried us.

"When we hit, we get them all in a row and it's contagious.

"We went 3-2 at Central Alabama's tournament last weekend and swung the bats pretty well. I thought we swung the bats pretty well over here today. We hit the ball hard.

"I'm proud of them. If we can just keep this momentum up, we've got a chance at the end of the year."

Ashlee Frazier got the win, allowing four hits, while striking out five with no walks.

Jennie Battle took the loss, giving up six runs (all earned) on 10 hits and two walks.

Faith Whitfield went 2-for-3 to lead the Lady Warriors.

In the second game, Jennifer Johnson, who sat out the opener, thawed out in time to go 3-for-4 with a three-run double to right-center with two outs in the third frame breaking a 2-2 tie and giving MCC the lead for good.

"I was just trying to get a base hit since we had the bases loaded," Johnson said. "I figured we had to score since we were tied. My hands were freezing, but I just tried to blow on them and keep myself warm."

The Lady Eagles scored six runs on five hits in the third to erase a 2-0 ECCC lead. Loughead, Stricklin, and Rachel Jenkins had RBI singles in the frame.

MCC struck for 10 runs on six hits in the fourth to take a commanding 16-2 lead. The inning's big blow was a three-run homer to left field by Bingham.

Loughead and Jenkins had RBI singles in the inning with Stricklin adding an RBI double. Sheena Evans plated one run with a ground out.

ECCC got both of its runs in the first inning as Stricklin walked three and threw three wild pitches before settling down. A 1-3-2 double play prevented a bigger inning. Krystal Moore singled in Krissi Harris for the first run. Anna Moore scored from second when the ball got loose in right field.

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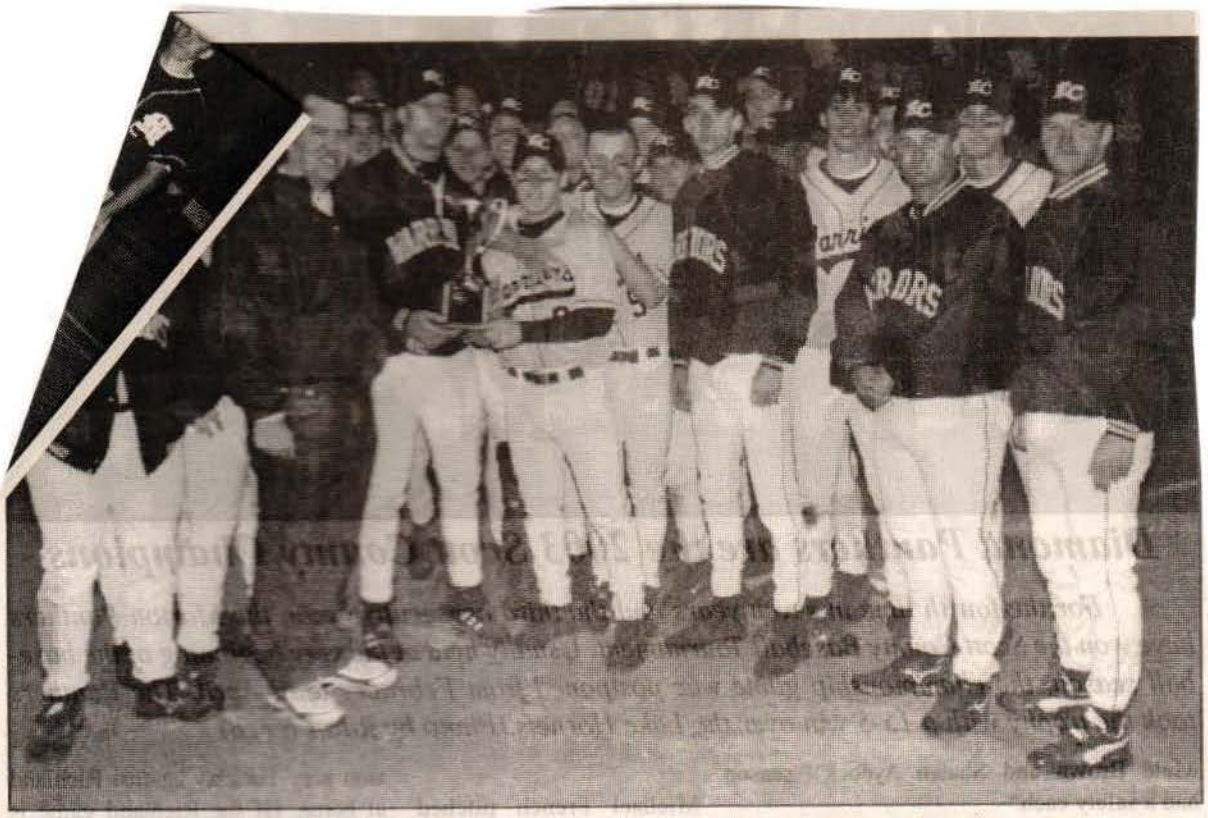

ECCC Diamond Warriors win Judge's Cup

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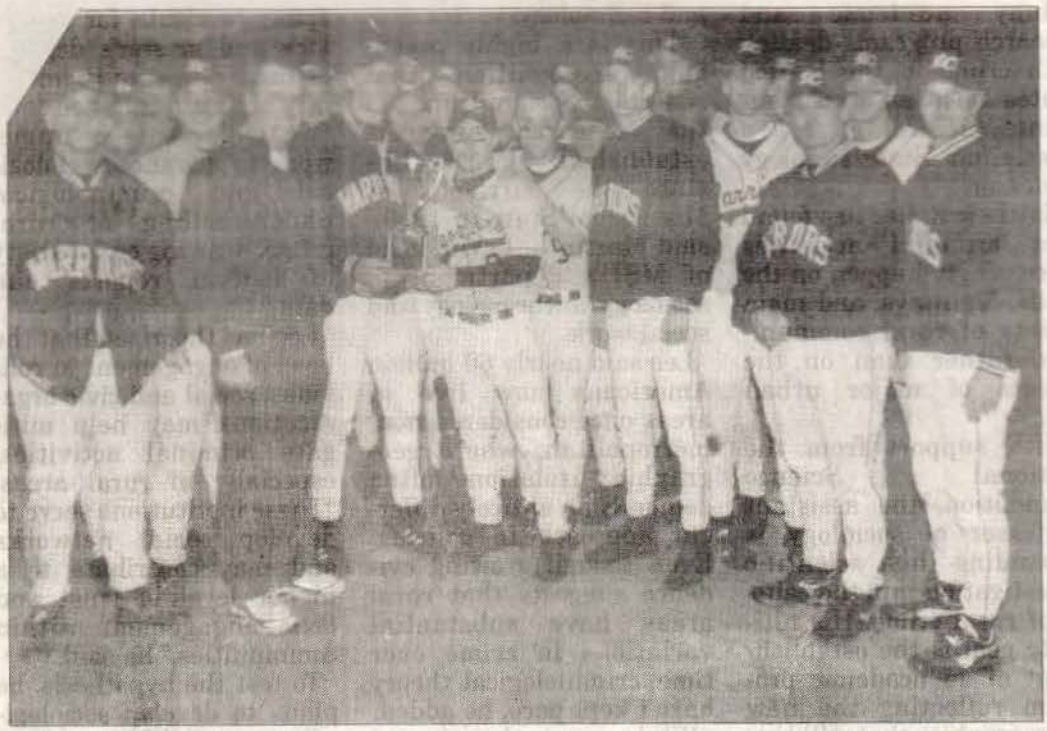

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ECCC's Jonathan Taylor fires one to the plate against an East Mississippi batter.

Warriors split pair of twinbills

The Newton Record

The East Central Community College baseball team went .500 in Central Division action last week.

The Warriors split double-headers against East Mississippi Community College last Wednesday and Meridian Community College last Saturday.

ECCC reliever Justin Darby notched the save in the first game against EMCC at home last Wednesday.

The 6-foot-2 reliever entered game one with the bases loaded, but he forced the first two batters he faced to fly out and ground out. Darby sealed the win recording a strike out.

Against MCC, the Warriors capitalized on an errant throw by the Eagles to take the first game of the Central Division double-header.

ECCC trailed MCC 4-3 before an attempted throw to second base by MCC pitcher Lance Reed to catch ECCC's Jake Nester stealing the bag sailed into the outfield.

The error allowed Warriors' Paul Brown to score from third base, with two outs, to tie the game. Dexter Sellers knocked in the go-ahead run with a double to left field to bring home Nesters.

The Warriors will host Co-Lin Friday in their home finale in a 1 p.m. double-header.

The Warriors then travel to Holmes next Wednesday for a 1 p.m. doubleheader and finish the regular season up with a Saturday, April 26 contest at rival East Mississippi Community College.

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Newton County High School baseball standout Brandon Ezell has signed a national letter of intent with ECCC. Ezell, a shortstop, was batting .355 with one home run, seven doubles and 10 RBIs. Pictured with Ezell are his parents, Patti and Marty Ezell of Decatur, and (standing from left) Reggie Richardson, ECCC assistant baseball coach; Wyatt Tullos, Newton County head baseball coach; and Jake Yarborough, ECCC head baseball coach.

Newton High School baseball standout Lucas Poole has signed a national letter of intent with ECCC. Poole, a pitcher/outfielder, is shown during the signing ceremony with his parents, Debbie and William Poole of Newton, and (standing from left) Jake Yarborough, ECCC head baseball coach, and Eddy Pierce, NHS head baseball coach. As of this writing, Poole had a .418 batting average and was 4-3 on the mound for the Division 5-2A champions.

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EC baseball team still chasing playoff berth

By ROCKY HIGGINBOTHAM
Sports Editor

The East Central Community College baseball team entered the week still clinging to hopes of making the postseason — and riding a hot streak.

The Warriors won four contests without a single defeat last week, climbing above the .500 mark with a 20-18 record.

East Central beat Hinds 10-9 and 11-1 last Tuesday to even its Central Division mark at 6-6, then the Warriors swept a non-division doubleheader from Copiah-Lincoln on Saturday by scores of 5-2 and 11-0.

The Warriors have a crucial division doubleheader today at Holmes, and they're scheduled to wrap up the regular season Saturday at Scooba, when they battle East Mississippi in another division twinbill.

Should East Central qualify, the MACJC State Tournament is set for next Friday and Saturday (May 2-3).

In the sweep of Copiah-Lincoln, the Warriors got a big pitching effort from Jim Tally in the first game and had an offensive outburst in the second. Tally improved his record to 6-2 on the season in the opener, as he scattered six hits and didn't allow a run until the fifth. By that time, the Warriors were up 5-0.

Michael Dunn, Dexter Sellers and Jake Nester all had doubles for ECCC, which overcame four errors by outhitting the Wolves 10-6.

In the second game, East Central pounded out 12 hits and got a home run from Dunn in an 11-0 blowout.

Brent McMillan allowed just three base hits to get the victory, while Nester had a pair of doubles. Sellers also had another double.

Against Hinds, Alex Shepard (3-4) earned the win in the 10-9 contest, while Jonathan Taylor got his first pitching victory of the season in the 11-1 win.

• East Central's softball team also wrapped up its 2003 campaign last week, as the Lady Warriors were swept 7-1 and 11-2 by playoff-bound Hinds in a Central Division doubleheader. The ECCC girls finished 12-18 in the final season for head coach Mike Anderson, who had previously announced his retirement.

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ECCC recruits three standout Winston athlete

From staff reports

Louisville High School Senior Andre Coleman recently signed to play baseball with East Central Community College.

Coleman was joined by his mother and father, Ruth and Leon Coleman at the signing with ECCC Coach Jake Yarbrough and LHS Baseball Coach Charlie Smith. The LHS Wildcat Baseball team went 13-9 on the year. Coleman was a three year letterman for the Wildcats in baseball. He played shortstop, outfielder, and pitcher.

"He had an outstanding year with some great statistics to land this scholarship with East Central Community College," said LHS coach Smith.

Coleman had a .431 batting average for the year and his other statistics for the year included:

While at the plate: At Bats: 65; Runs:28; Hits:28; Runs Batted In: 30; Home runs: 3; Singles: 13; Doubles 9; Triples: 3; Total Walks: 49; Slug percent: .754; Strike outs: 10; Stolen Bases 5: for 5.

As pitcher: 5 an 1 with wins and loses; Earned Run Average: 1.73; Innings Pitched: 32.3; At bats: 143; Runs: 29; Hits: 43; Strike outs: 31; Earned Runs: 8; Singles: 37; Doubles:4; Home runs:2; Hit by pitch: 6; Walks:2.

Two from Noxapater join ECCC

Two Noxapater seniors have signed on to play baseball with East Central Community College.

Sed Eichelberger and Corey Coward recently signed baseball scholarships with ECCC.

ECCC Coach Jake Yarbrough was on handed for the signing as well as Noxapater baseball coach Zachary Sanders.

Eichelberger and Coward turned in promising statistics in a year when the Noxapater Tigers showed their meld with a trip to the playoffs and following through with a third round playoff showing.

Coward in 25 games on the year when the Tigers went 19 wins and 6 loses was: while batting, AB:77; R: H:44; 1B:23; 2B:10; 3I HR:10; RBI:53; TBB: Avg571; Obp:656; SLG: 11 3Avg: 700; Trend: 10; S(BB:14; SOS:3; HP: 4; TB: SB:7 SB percent: 1000; wl pitching: W:6; Win p cent:1000; GP:10; ND: 3; 36.33; Hits: 33; RS: 27; ER

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On the line

Carthage High School pitcher, first baseman and outfielder John Fortenberry recently signed a national letter of intent with East Central Community College in Decatur. Seated along with Fortenberry, center, are his father, Roddie "Cookie" and his mother, Dawn. Standing, from left, are CHS coach David Luke and ECCC coach David Yarborough.

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WEEK OF May 26

Yarborough inks eight at ECCC

■ Union's Jody Blount, Newton Lucas Poole and Newton County's Brandon Ezell among signees.

Special to The Record

East Central Community College head baseball coach Jake Yarborough has announced the signing of eight players for the 2004 season.

Jody Blount went 7-3 this spring as Union finished 22-13 and reached the Class 1A South State championship series. He also plays shortstop and center field.

Yarborough inked a pair of players from Class 1A North State championship series participant Noxapater, 21-8. They are pitcher/catcher Corey Coward and pitcher/shortstop Sed Eichelberger.

Heading into the North State title series with Hamilton, Coward was batting .556 with 10 doubles, 10 homers, and 53 RBIs. He was 7-0 on the mound.

Eichelberger was batting an even .500 with 15 doubles, seven homers, and 54 RBIs. He was 3-0 on the mound.

Also signing with ECCC are pitcher/first baseman David Booker of Class 3A playoff participant Philadelphia, pitcher Lucas Poole of Class 2A playoff participant Newton, pitcher/shortstop Brandon Ezell of Newton County, pitcher John Fortenberry of Carthage, and Andre Coleman of Louisville.

ECCC summer camps

Baseball camps for area youngsters and high school athletes will be held this summer at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Jake Yarborough, Diamond Warrior head coach.

The first camp – for ages six to 12 – is scheduled for today to Friday and will be

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held from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The second camp – designed for ages 13 to high school juniors – is being offered Monday, June 2 through Wednesday, June 4, from 9 a.m. until noon. Both camps will be held at Jamie Clark Memorial Stadium.

Cost is $40 per camper, which includes insurance and a camp T-shirt.

Campers may register at 8 a.m. on the first day of camp, or they can mail registration forms to Coach Jake Yaborough, ECCC Baseball Camp, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.

For more information contact Coach Yarborough, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 374. His e-mail address is jyarborough@eccc.edu.

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Avant Inks with Diamond Warriors

Josh Avant, a third baseman at Newton County High School, has signed a national letter of intent with East Central Community College. Avant, an All-Division 5-3A performer the past two years, batted .300 this past season with four doubles and 15 RBIs. He was named to the .300 Club and received the Toughest Out Award following the 2003 campaign. Avant led the Cougars with a .479 batting average in 2002, during which he collected two home runs, 13 doubles and 34 RBIs. He was also named to the .300 Club and received the Cougars' Top Hitting Award for 2002. Avant recorded a 19-game hitting streak during the 2002 season. He is shown during a recent signing ceremony with his parents, Jackie and Penny Avant of Decatur, and, standing from left, Wyatt Tullos, Newton County head baseball coach; Jake Yarborough, ECCC head baseball coach; and Shannon Cooley, Newton County assistant coach. ECCC Photo.

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ECCC baseball players receive team awards

These members of the East Central Community College baseball team received awards at the annual Spring Sports Awards Banquet held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus.

From left are second baseman Jake Nester of Lake, most valuable player and most outstanding offense award; pitcher Jim Talley of Saltillo and a product of Mooreville High School, Exemplary Player of the Year; outfielder Drew Kenna of Forest, most improved; and pitcher/outfielder Jarrod Vaughn of Louisville, most outstanding defensive award. Nester was also selected All-Region 23 and All-State, and Kenna was named to the All-State squad. Coach Jake Yarborough presented the awards. The Diamond Warriors finished season action with a 21-21 record.

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ECCC product Thames traded to Rangers

■ Former East Central Community College standout Marcus Thames has been traded from the New York Yankees to the Texas Rangers for 37-year-old veteran Ruben Sierra.

Thames, 26, hit .278 with two home runs and 28 RBIs in 52 games at Triple-A Columbus. He appeared in 41 games in centerfield and 11 in right.

The right-handed batter is in his seventh pro season after being selected by the Yankees in the 30th round of the 1996 draft. He will start the season in the Rangers organization with Oklahoma, Texas' Triple-A club.

Thames had an auspicious beginning to his major-league career when he hit a home run of Arizona Diamondback ace Randy Johnson in his first at-bat last year.

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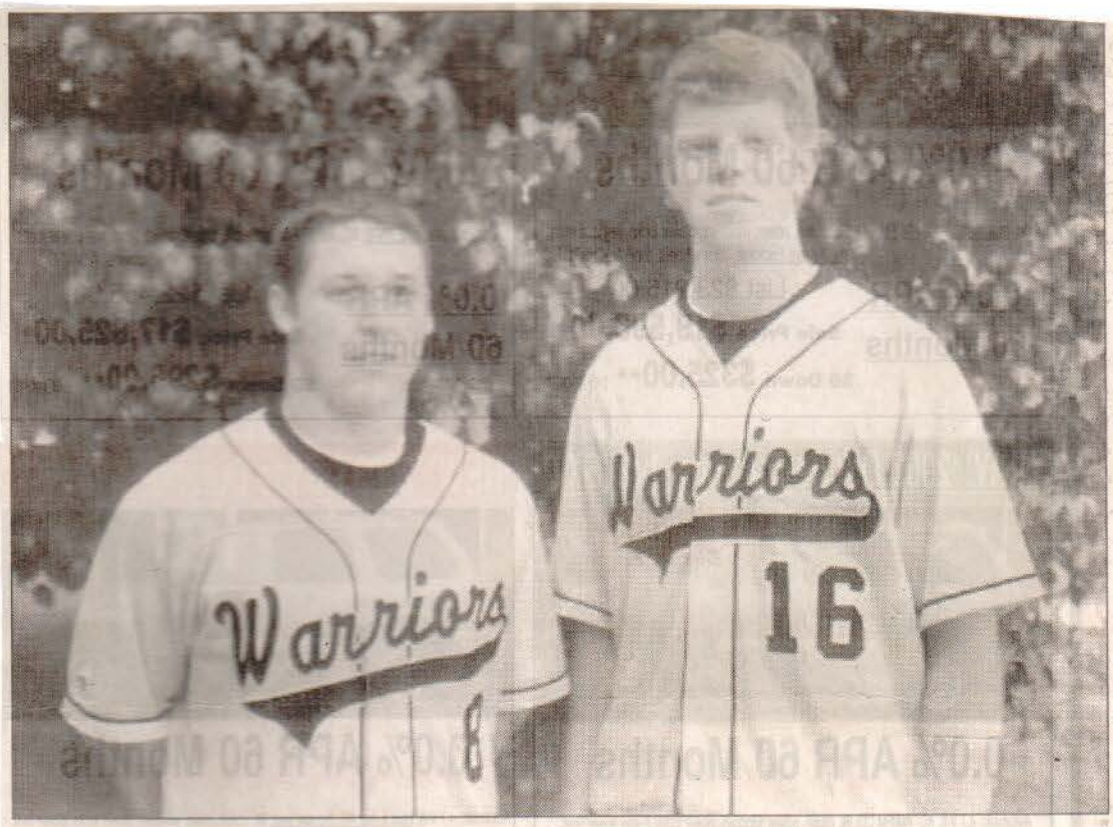

ECCC Diamond Warriors Honored

East Central Community College baseball standouts Jake Nester, left, of Lake and Drew Kenna of Forest received post-season honors following their 2003 campaign. Nester was selected All-Region 23 and All-State, and Kenna was named to the All-State squad. Nester, a sophomore second baseman who also served as a team co-captain, posted a .397 batting average with 52 hits, which included three home runs and 12 doubles. He also collected 38 RBIs. Kenna, a freshman outfielder, batted .392 with 31 hits, which included one home run and five doubles. He had 16 RBIs. The Diamond Warriors completed season action with a 21-21 mark under second-year head coach Jake Yarborough. ECCC Photo.

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Receive ECCC Baseball Team Awards

These members of the East Central Community College baseball team received awards at the annual Spring Sports Awards Banquet. From left are second baseman Jake Nester of Lake, Most Valuable Player and Most Outstanding Offense Award; pitcher Jim Talley of Mooreville, Exemplary Player of the Year; outfielder Drew Kenna of Forest, Most Improved; and pitcher/outfielder Jarrod Vaughn of Louisville, Most Outstanding Defensive Award. Nester was also selected All-Region 23 and All-State and Kenna was named to the All-State squad. Coach Jake Yarborough presented the awards. The Diamond Warriors finished season action with a 21-21 record. ECCC Photo.

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Members of the East Central Community College baseball team who received post-season honors following the 2001 campaign included (from left) Justin Reed of Louisville, "Exemplary Player of the Year"; Hal Thompson of West Point, best offensive player; Mario Migliacio of Plaquemine, La., best defensive player, All-Region 23 and All-State; Lewis Bradford of Scott Central High School, most improved; and Turk Stovall of Neshoba Central, most valuable player. The Diamond Warriors, coached by Jamie Clark (head) and Jake Yarborough (assistant), completed season action wit a 19-27 record.

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WEEK OF Aug 18

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A Home Run Derby at 10 a.m. begins the day's activities. The Alumni game is scheduled to start at 11 a.m., and will be followed by a complimentary luncheon. T-shirts will also be provided for each participant.

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ECCC BASEBALL REUNION GAME

These former East Central Community College baseball players reunited for some fun and friendly competition at the first annual ECCC Baseball Alumni Day held recently at Jamie Clark Memorial Stadium on the Decatur campus. The day's activities included a home run derby, scrimmage game and a complimentary lunch in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. Kneeling from left are Tyler Rogers (Class of 2003), Louisville; Jake Nester (Class of 2003), Lake; Douglas Williams (Class of 1992), Philadelphia; David Boydston (Class of 1984), Louisville; Brent Page (Class of 2000), Union; Brandon Williams (Class of 1997), Kenner, La.; Scott Hines (Class of 1991), Philadelphia; Gregg Perry (Class of 1991), Madison; and Scott Hill (Class of 1989), Decatur. Standing from left are Matthew Vance (Class of 2003), Sebastopol; Linzy Gressett (Class of 1997), Carthage; Corey Blackwell (Class of 2003), Louisville; Patrick Ervin (Class of 1988), Sebastopol; Bo Burkes (Class of 1999), Philadelphia; Jason Willis (Class of 1999), Chunky; Chris Harris (Class of 1976), Decatur; and Monty McMullen (Class of 1997), Richland; and Jake Yarborough (Class of 1992), Decatur. Willis won the home run derby with seven dingers. Yarborough, ECCC head baseball coach, coordinated the event.

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WEEK OF Oct 13, 2003

Derby Winner

At Left: ECCC Home Run Derby Winner--Former East Central Community College baseball standout Jason Willis (left) of Chunky is congratulated by Diamond Warrior head coach Jake Yarborough after Willis took top honors in a home run derby held as part of the first annual ECCC Baseball Alumni Day. Willis (Class of 1999) won the contest with seven home runs. (EC Photo)

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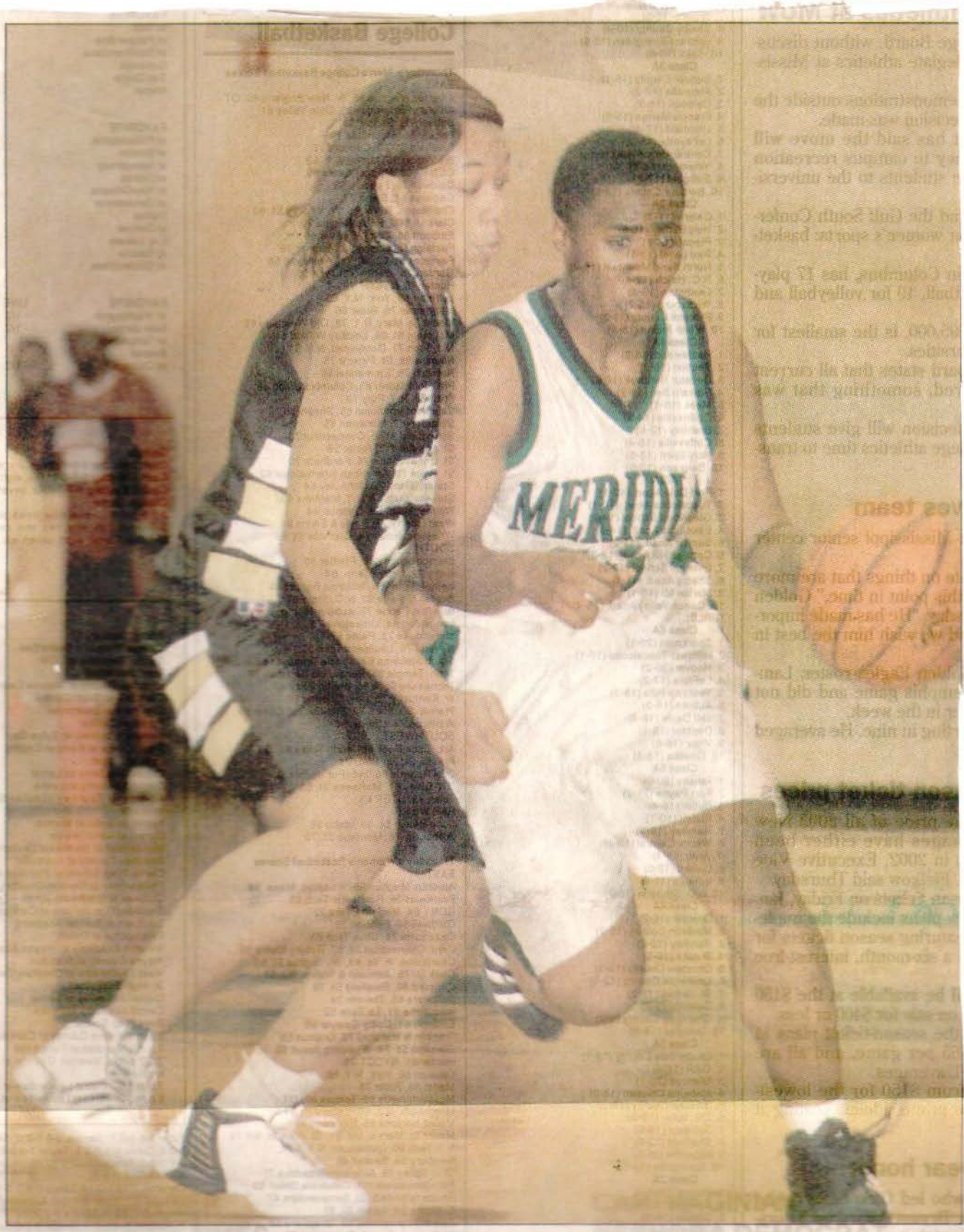

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BIG CLASH AT MCC

East Central Community College's Patsy McKee (20) crowds Meridian Community College's Monique Horner (23) during Thursday night's packed game at MCC.

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Big shots key ECCC win

By Jeff Byrd
sports editor

EAST CENTRAL VS. MCC

Every time the Meridian Community College Lady Eagles got close, East Central had an answer.

They had enough answers, in fact, to win a crucial swing road game here before a full house at the Ivy Sports Center on Thursday night.

The Lady Warriors got a clutch three-pointer from freshman Kimyatta Viverette and then made 7-of-8 free throws down in the final 1:20 to beat the MCC Lady Eagles 76-66.

East Central moves to 3-1 in the Mississippi Community College South Division and is now 9-5 overall. Meridian falls to 11-3 overall and 2-2 in division play.

ECCC head coach Brad Hodges was elated to see his team step up down the stretch.

"The shot that Kimyatta made was huge. It gave us a 10-point cushion, but with Mo (Monique Horner) out there anything is possible with Meridian," Hodges said.

"I was a little disappointed with our free throw shooting at times, but then I was glad to see Lenore (Gray) do well along with Brittany (Burks)."

Gray was a perfect 6-for-6 from the line. Burks made 5-of-6 in the final minute to put the game away.

MCC head coach Hilary Allen bemoaned the fact that his team couldn't come up with the big basket.

"We'd make the shot to get it to 4-5-or-3 points, but then we'd miss the ones that would gotten us closer. We could never get over the hump," Allen said.

"Viverette hit two big shots late and that made it tough for us. All we were doing was matching them a three-for-a-three.

"It's disappointing to get beat at home after winning five straight on the road. But, we're a young team and East Central has a fine ball club."

MCC led only once at 3-2 following the first of five, three-pointers from Horner who finished with a game high 27 points.

Tameka Foley put East Central back ahead for good with a three-pointer that made it 5-3.

Elyse Willis then erupted for an eight-point stretch to help knock the lead out to double digits at 18-7. Willis finished with 10 points.

East Central would increase its spread to 13 on two ocassions, in the first half, the latter at 30-17 following a basket by Burks. It was 38-24 before another Horner three-pointer and a a free throw made it 38-28 at the half.

A nice break which featured two pin-point passes led to an easy basket by MCC's Chelse Alford that pulled the Lady Eagles to within six at 45-39.

Back came ECCC. Burks made a basket and a free throw by Willis put the lead back to 10 at 51-41 with 11:47 to play.

A three-point play by Silvo Harris capped a 6-point run to make it 51-47. It was still a four-point game at 59-55 after Horner hit a pair of freebies with 5:52 left.

That was later followed by a bank shot from JaQuita Bernard that made it 62-59 with 5:09 left.

Kimyatta Viverette answered with a 10-foot shot and then followed with her big three-pointer that put ECCC up 67-59 with 3:40 to go. MCC could get no closer than six in the remaining time.

Kimyatta and Ebonie Viverette each had 13 points to lead East Central. Burks added 12, Foley chipped in 11 and Willis had 10.

East Central made 19-of-27 from the free throw line compared to MCC's 15-of-25 effort.

Alford assisted Horner with 14 points while Harris and Stephanie Mosley each had seven.

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Warriors rally to beat Eagles

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

It didn't look good for the East Central Community College Warriors as they tangled with Meridian Community College for the first time in nearly two decades Thursday at MCC's Ivy Sports Center.

The Eagles had nine 3-pointers in the first half as they took a 41-39 lead into the break.

MCC led the MACJC South Division contest 70-59 with 8:26 remaining after J.R. Willis drilled his fourth 3-pointer and the 13th of the night for the Eagles.

However, MCC wouldn't hit another trey and ECCC battled its way back into the contest, pulling even at 79-79 on a basket by Brandon Mason with 3:33 left.

"I don't know what they shot in the first half, but they were relying on those," ECCC head coach Bill Smith said of the Eagles' 3-point bombs. "They had 27 points off of threes in the first half and we told our guys to kinda cut that down.

"They missed a couple late and we just fought real hard. We didn't make very many mistakes down the stretch and handled the ball real well, better than we did the first three-quarters of the game. We sent five sophomores in there and they're supposed to know how to handle that situation at the end."

Tied at 79-79, the Eagles were called for a three-second violation on their next possession, then made just two of their next four free throws as the Warriors eased out to an 86-81 lead with 50 seconds showing. During the 7-2 run, ECCC got two baskets from Kevin Bobbitt, one from Mason, and a free throw from Donzel Crenshaw.

Trailing 87-83, MCC lost any chance at a comeback when Jamal Edmondson lost the ball out of bounds with 27 seconds remaining.

Corey Hornsby led ECCC with 26 points. Mason had 20, Crenshaw added 17, and Demario Qualls 12.

"Brandon Mason had his best game of the year," Smith said. "He really stepped up. Any time you have four people in double figures you can win a lot of games. We shot it better tonight than we did Monday (in a loss to Southwest Mississippi). That put us 3-1 in the division with two wins on the road. We feel like we're in pretty good shape."

ECCC improved to 9-5 overall. MCC slumped to 5-8 and 1-3 in losing its fifth consecutive game.

"Our threes and fours played like cowards down the stretch," MCC coach George Brooks said of his team's collapse. "We didn't rebound, we didn't make layups, we didn't make free throws.

"They played like little girls down the stretch. They need to be playing seventh grade girls at KG (Kate Griffin) or something. That's how they played."

Edmondson led MCC with 23 points as he connected on five 3-pointers. Mecose Todd had four treys and 17 points. Willis had four treys and 16 points. Kenny Boyd added 13 points.

The Eagles had 13 total 3-pointers.

"We've hit a lot of threes all year," Brooks said. "This team was averaging 89 points a game first semester. I wasn't surprised by that."

East Central goes to Co-Lin on Monday. Meridian hosts Gulf Coast on Tuesday night.

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Corey Hornsby pulled the Warriors even at 56-56 with a pair of free throws with 4:25 left, but Southwest's Josh Matthews buried a 3-pointer with 3:55 to go to put the Bears up 60-56.

Marcus Elliot, a freshman from Fort Walton Beach, Fla., then hit 5-of-6 free throws to give the Bears a 69-61 advantage with only 30.8 seconds left.

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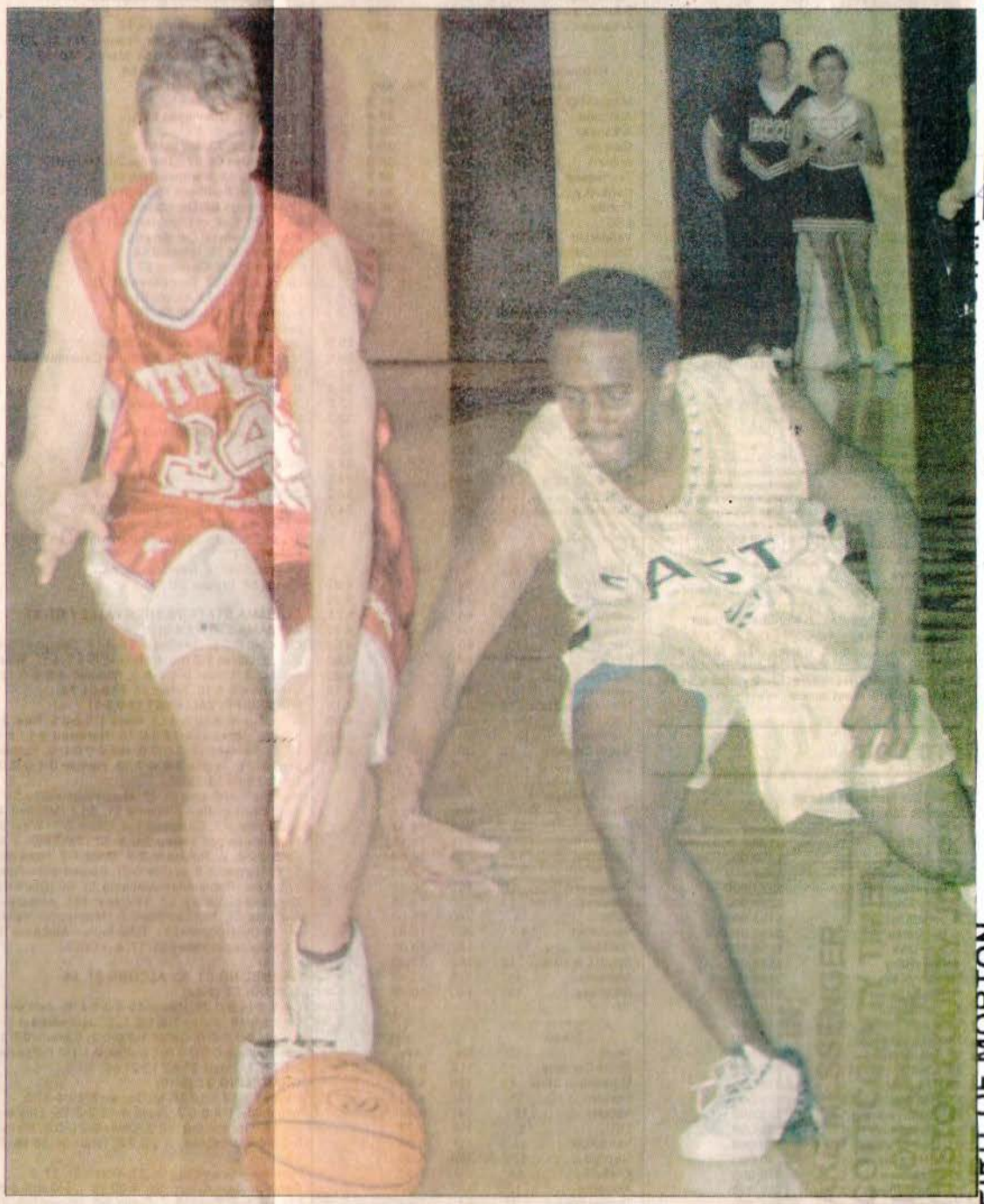

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East Central's Dewayne Hughes attempts a steal against Southwest's Travis Ball.

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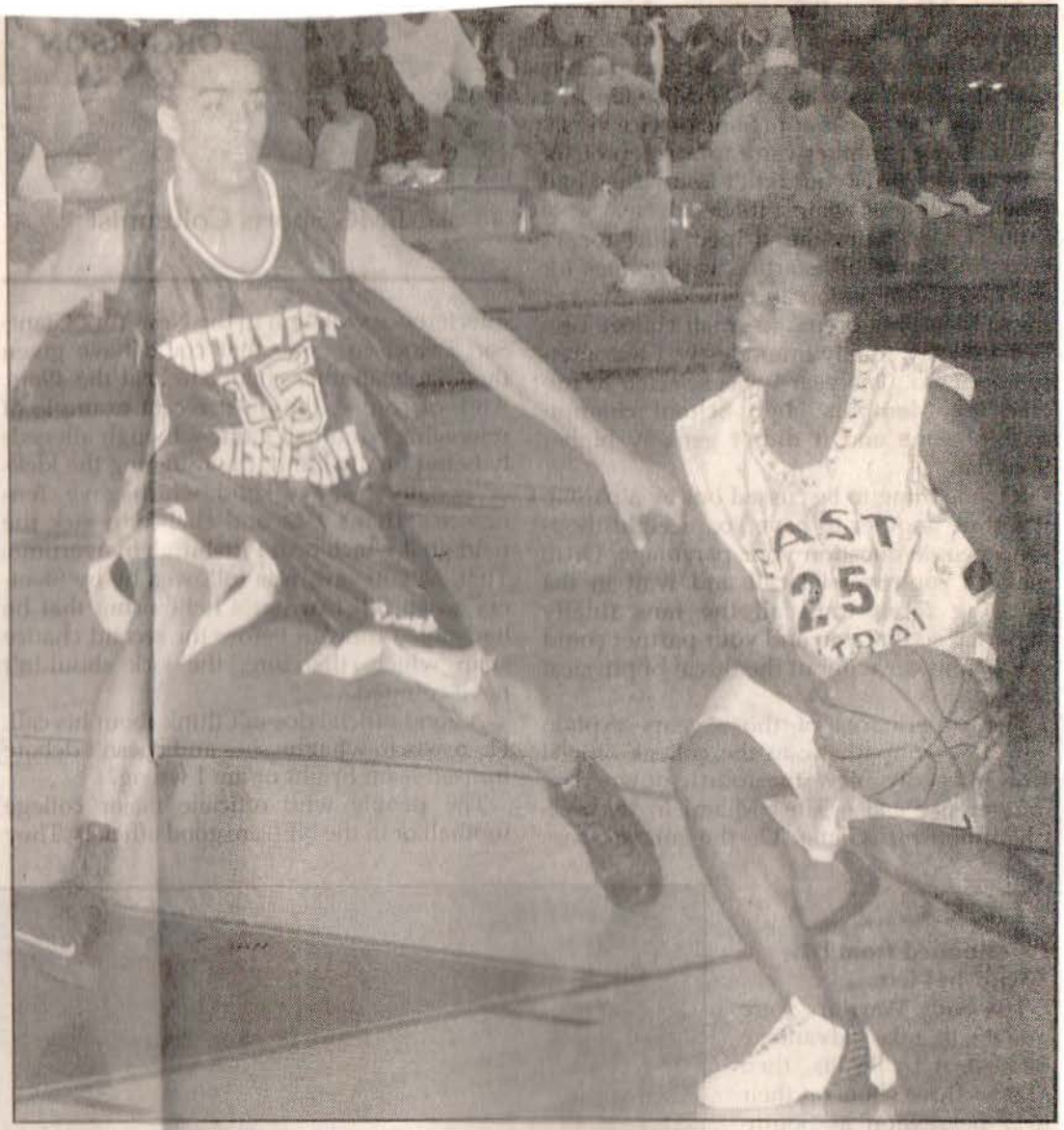

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ECCC Teams Sweep Hinds To Remain Unbeaten In Division Play

South Division competition resumed on a positive note for both East Central Community College basketball teams following a sweep of Hinds Community College Thursday night on the Utica campus.

The Warriors, who claimed their sixth-straight victory under second-year head coach Billy Smith, outscored the host Eagles 76-67 and improved to 8-4 overall and 2-0 in league play.

Corey Hornsby, a sophomore product of Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, La., led EC with 22 points. Also scoring were Kevin Bobbitt of Lake, 10; Jamaal Martin of Northeast Lauderdale, nine; Brandon Mason of North Dale High School in Baton Rouge, eight; Demario Qualls of Newton and Desmond Jones of Neshoba Central, seven each; Donzell Crenshaw of Ridgeway High School, Memphis, six; Stephen Dyess of Northeast Lauderdale, four; and Reggie Carter of University Christian, three.

The Warriors led 35-28 at the break.

EC's women rallied in grand style from a 34-30 halftime deficit and cruised to a 60-44 thrashing over the Lady Eagles.

Rita Birden, a freshman from St. Federick High School in Monroe, La., had 17 points to lead the Lady Warriors, who also improved to 8-4 and 2-0 under second year head coach Brad Hodge.

Other scorers were Kimyatta Viverette of Lake, 12; Tamekia Foley of Newton County, 10; Ebone'e Leverette of Forest and Elyse Willis of Neshoba Central, five each; Britney Burks of Scott Central, four; Patsy McKee of Forest, three; and Lenore Gray of Newton, two.

ECCC TEAMS SPLIT WITH DELTA

Four Warriors scored in double figures to lead EC to an 85-78 win over Mississippi Delta Community College Tuesday night (January 7) in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Corey Hornsby of Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, La., led the offensive attack with 19 points. Also scoring were Donzell Crenshaw of Ridgeway High School in Memphis, 17; Demario Qualls of Newton, 15; Brandon Mason of North Dale High School in Baton Rouge, 14; Kevin Bobbitt of Lake and Jamaal Martin of Northeast Lauderdale, six each; Dewayne Hughes of Sebastopol, four; and Stephen Dyess of Northeast Lauderdale and Desmond Jones of Neshoba Central, two each.

Delta led 45-43 at halftime.

In women's action, EC dropped a 74-65 decision to the visiting Lady Trojans, who overcame an 11-point deficit to claim the non-division matchup.

Rita Birden, a product of St. Fredrick High School in Monroe, La., led the Lady Warriors with 21 points.

Other point makers were Ebone'e Leverette of Forest, 12; Tamekia Foley of Newton County, nine; Kimyatta Viverette of Lake and Lenore Gray of Newton, six each; Monique Overstreet of South Leake, five; and Britney Burks of Scott Central, Elyse Willis of Neshoba Central and Hope Murray of West Jones, two each.

East Central held a 34-23 advantage at intermission.

GAMES THIS WEEK

ECCC hosts division foe Southwest Mississippi Community College on Monday, January 13 and travels to Meridian Community College on Thursday, January 16. The Lady Warriors and Warriors will also be on the road Monday, January 20 in division action at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson.

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East Central falls to Co-Lin in OT

Copinh Lincoln Community College swept a pair of basketball games from visiting East Central Monday night in Wesson.

The Wolves downed the East Central men 89-77 in overtime. The loss drops the Warriors to 9-6 overall and 3-2 in division action.

Corey Hornsby led East Central with 24 points. Demario Qualls had 17.

East Central led 36-34 at the half. The game was tied at 73-73 after regulation.

Co-Lin won the womens game 89-71. The loss drops East Central to 9-6 overall and 3-2 in the division.

Co-Lin led 49-20 at the half.

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Kimyatta Viverette of the ECCC Lady Warriors drives past a defender in hoops action. Viverette is a former Lake Hornet and has been giving the Lady Warriors a much needed boost in play as of late.

ECCC teams sweep Meridian, drop pair to Southwest CC

East Central Community College basketball teams picked up division wins against rival Meridian Community College Thursday night in the Ivy Sports Center on the Meridian campus.

The Lady Warriors captured a 76-66 win over the Lady Eagles and moved to 3-1 in South Division competition and a 9-5 record overall.

Freshman Kimyatta Viverette of Lake led the offensive attack with 13 total points and made a key 3-point shot with 7:24 left in the game to give East Central a 10-point lead. Sophomore Brittany Burks of Scott Central and freshman Eboucle Leverett of Forest had 13 points [illegible] Birden of St. Frederick High School in Monroe, La., 8 each.

East Central led 38-28 at the break.

Monique Horner led Meridian (11-3, 3-3) with 27 points.

In men's action, Corey Hornsby's 25 points paved the way for East Central's 90-83 win over the homestanding Eagles.

In addition to Hornsby, a product of Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, La., East Central scorers included Brandon Mason of North Dale High School in Baton Rouge, La., 20; Donnel Crenshaw of Ridgeway High School in Memphis, Tenn., 16; Demarus Quales of Newton, 12; Kevin [illegible] had 23 points to lead Meridian.

East Central teams travel to Co-Lin on Monday, January 20, and host Gulf Coast on Tuesday, January 21.

East Central Community College's Lady Warriors and Warriors fell to visiting Southwest Mississippi Community College squads in South Division action held Monday night in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

The Lady Warriors fell 71-64 and saw their record dip to 8-5 overall and 2-1 in league play. Scoring for ECCC were Tameica Foley of Newton County, 18; Kimyatta Viverette of Lake, 12; Elyse Willis of Neshoba

East Central sweeps division pair from Meridian

Both ECCC teams are now 9-5 overall and 3-1 in South Division race

From combined reports

Last week didn't exactly start with a bang for the basketball teams at East Central Community College.

But things certainly took an upward swing last Thursday.

That's when the ECCC squads traveled to Meridian Community College and came away with a pair of big victories in South Division play; as the Warriors won 90-83 and the EC women took a 76-66 victory.

The sweep came just three days after East Central dropped a pair of games at home to visiting Southwest Mississippi C.C., the first division losses of the year for both ECCC teams.

Both East Central teams entered Monday's road matchups at Copiah-Lincoln with 9-5 overall records and 3-1 marks in the South Division.

After the Co-Lin games, East Central will be back at home Thursday to entertain Jones County in a pair of division matchups; and the Warriors and Lady Warriors also host Gulf Coast next Monday (Jan. 27) at EC's Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Here's a recap of EC's action from last week:

• **East Central men:** The Warriors had a six-game winning streak snapped last Monday night at home in a 71-67 loss to Southwest.

Corey Hornsby scored 14 points to lead a trio of Warriors in double figures in the loss. Jamaal Martin tallied 12 points and Demario Qualls had 11.

Brandon Mason and Kevin Bobbitt had six apiece.

Marcus Elliot and B.J. Griffin scored 18 points apiece for the visiting Bears, who improved to 5-9 by overcoming a 33-32 halftime deficit.

Against Meridian, the Warriors were down 41-39 at halftime but rallied for a 90-83 victory — overcoming a game-high 23 points from MCC's Jamal Edmondson.

Hornsby led the Warriors with 20 points, while Donzel Crenshaw scored 18 and Qualls 12. Bobbitt chipped in eight.

"We shot it better than we did against Southwest," EC men's coach Billy Smith said. "That's two (division) wins on the road ... I feel like we're in pretty good shape."

Meridian dropped to 5-8 overall and 1-3 in the division.

• **East Central women:** The Lady Warriors knocked off a highly-touted Meridian squad which was nationally-ranked earlier this season.

MCC fell to 11-3 overall and 3-3 in the league despite 27 points from Monique Horner.

Freshman Kimyatta Viverette had 13 points for the Lady Warriors, and she also hit a key 3-pointer with 1:20 remaining for the final nail in the coffin. Britney Burks and Ebonee Leverette each had 13 points for EC, as well, while Tamekia Foley scored 11. Former Neshoba Central standout Elyse Willis scored 10 points for the Lady Warriors, with Lenore Gray and Rita Birden chipping in eight each.

Against Southwest last week, East Central got 18 points from Foley but still fell 71-64 to a solid bunch of Lady Bears.

Nakeya Dowling scored a game-high 24 points for Southwest's women, who improved to 10-3 on the season.

Viverette scored 13 points, Willis had another big game with 12 points, Birden scored 10 and Burks seven.

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DECATUR — Lenore Gray led five players in double figures as the East Central Community College Lady Warriors knocked off Mississippi Gulf Coast 96-82 Monday night.

ECCC moved into sole possession of second place in the MACJC South Division with a 5-2 league mark. The Lady Warriors are 11-6 overall.

The contest was tied at 57-57 with 11:41 left before ECCC got a basket and two free throws from Ebone'e Leverette to take a 66-61 lead with 9:54 remaining.

After Gulf Coast got to within 68-65, ECCC's Elyse Willis reeled off six straight points to put the Lady Warriors up 74-65 with 7:23 left.

Two baskets apiece from Miranda Rosar and Tamekia Foley extended the lead to 85-67 with just under five minutes left as the Lady Warriors took their biggest lead of the night.

Gulf Coast could get no closer than 13 points.

In addition's to Gray's game-high 27 points off 11 field goals and five free throws, ECCC also got 16 points from Foley, 15 from Britney Burks, 12 from Leverette, and 10 from Rosar. Willis finished with nine and Kimyatta Viverette added seven. Gray also had a game-high 15 rebounds.

"That puts us in second to start the second half of the division," ECCC head coach Brad Hodge said. "That's a great position to be in. We played another balanced game. It was a very good team effort with five people again in double figures.

"It's a different person stepping up every night and leading the charge with the other people following suit. That's what you've got to have to have a chance. It's a good win at home."

Gulf Coast (13-5, 4-3) got 23 points from JoAnna Williams, 13 from Monique Cowans, and 12 from Christian Hull. Cowans also had seven rebounds.

The Warriors blew a 12-point lead over the final 5:43 as they dropped to 4-3 in the division and 10-7 overall.

"We just didn't handle the ball in the last four minutes," ECCC head coach Bill Smith said. "With an 11-point lead (74-63) with four minutes to go, you're supposed to win going away."

After trailing 14-6 in the early going, ECCC turned a 36-34 halftime deficit into a 58-51 advantage with 10:24 to go following a 10-0 run. Jamaal Martin and Kevin Bobbitt both hit 3-pointers during the run.

A 9-0 run off their stifling press put the Warriors up 69-57 with 6:15 showing.

After getting a pair of 3-pointers from Kalvin Woods, Gulf Coast used its own press to put together a 10-0 run to get to within 74-73 with 2:19 left. Woods and Gerren Jones both had three-point plays during the Bulldog run.

Woods hit another trey to put Gulf Coast up 76-75 with 1:48 remaining.

ECCC's Demario Qualls made only 1-of-4 free throws in a 40-second stretch to keep the Bulldogs in the lead.

Corey Hornsby gave ECCC a 77-76 lead with 37 seconds left, but Chris Moody scored with 13 seconds left on the fourth of Gulf Coast's shots underneath the basket to put the Bulldogs up 78-77.

Brandon Brown then blocked Hornsby's shot with four seconds left.

After Redd Morgan missed a free throw with 2.9 seconds left, ECCC had one final chance to cover the length of the court for the win but was unable to get past midcourt.

"We just didn't do a good job of handling the basketball at the end," Smith said. "Some of my sophomores that's supposed to know how to handle that pressure situation didn't. We let the same thing happen to us last Monday at Co-Lin. Maybe we'll learn from it."

Hornsby led ECCC with 25 points. Brandon Mason had 12 and Donzel Crenshaw 10.

Gulf Coast (9-9, 3-4) got 17 points from Woods, 12 each from Moody and Jeremiah Blackwell, and 11 from Jones.

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Local players headed to next level

By Carver Rayburn/staff writer
February 1, 2003

WEEK OF Jan 27

This is the second part of a two part story on Meridian area high school football college signees.

The next few weeks will dictate where many of the East Mississippi/West Alabama athletes attend college. That is, if their intentions are to play football at a college or university.

Recently, The Meridian Star published a story about some of the area high schools and their prospects for college football. Here are the rest of the schools and athletes that were not mentioned previously.

Around the Horn, part two

Newton County High School will be losing 18 seniors from its football squad this year. Head coach Jeff Breland said that he expects nine of his players to sign letters of intent on Wednesday and the days to follow.

East Central Community College is expected to sign offensive lineman Reed Meyers (6-4, 321), running back Darryl Mapp (5-8, 179), linebacker Derek Mapp (5-11, 188), linebacker Terrance Patrick (5-10, 191), fullback Ken Windham (5-11, 182) and defensive tackle Michael Johnson (5-10, 230).

Linebacker David Fielder (5-9, 175) is expected to sign with either ECCC or Mississippi Valley Sate University. Defensive tackle Derek Cleveland (6-4, 255) will continue his football career at either Jackson State University or ECCC. Free Safety Dexter McCune (6-3, 169) has received offers from the University of West Alabama and Mississippi College.

To the south of Meridian at Quitman High School, coach James Holloman is expecting some of his Panthers to sign on Wednesday as well.

Wide receiver Roderick Lephand (5-10, 153) and linebacker Darre Blanks are expected to sign with Jones Community College. Quarterback Jonathan Russell has received offers from UWA and Jones but is undecided.

Wayne County High School head coach Marcus Boyles and his 5-A state champions should see seven seniors sign with colleges on Wednesday. Quarterback Akeem Lofton (5-10, 180) has verbally committed to Mississippi State and is expected to sign on Wednesday. It looks as if Southwest Community College will pick up offensive linemen Jeremy Hudson (5-10, 260) and Johnny Walker (5-10, 235), as well as defensive lineman Matt Jones and wide receiver Jake Allen.

Wide Receiver Charles McCall (5-11, 165) has been offered by Southwest and Hinds. Scoot Saul has been contacted by Mississippi College, Belhaven and Millsaps.

Philadelphia High School is contributing its share of athletes to higher education. Right tackle Tyler Threadgill (6-0, 175) is expected to sign with Mississippi State while Cameron Tawater will either sign with Southern Miss. or go the JUCO route. ECCC is expected to sign Justin payton, Matt Corrigan and Daniel Pucket.

Choctaw Central has two players that will sign with Mississippi College at 8:30 on Wednesday according to head coach Tommy McCool. Mississippi College is expected to pick up wide receiver Kyle Thompson and has offered Anselm Henry.

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Area juco teams are in thick of the race

BATTLING FOR THE PLAYOFFS — ECCC's Tamekia Foley tries to block the path of MCC's Monique Horner during an earlier game this season. Photo by Carisa McCain/The Meridian Star

By Marty Stamper / EMG sports assistant
Jan. 30, 2003

At the midway point of the 2002-03 basketball season, most area junior college teams are still in the thick of the battle to secure berths in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges state tournament, Feb. 24-27, at the site of the South Division women's regular season champion.

The top four men's and women's teams from each division will advance to the state tournament.

Barring a total collapse, Copiah-Lincoln seems likely to host the state tournament as the Lady Wolves are 7-0 in the league and 18-0 overall. In division games, the Lady Wolves have outscored their opponents by an average of 24.4 points with the closest contest being an 11-point (71-60) victory over Pearl River.

The Co-Lin women, ranked fourth nationally, are already 3-0 against North Division leader Mississippi Delta. The Lady Trojans, however, have given Co-Lin its closest game of the year before losing 62-56. Only one other game has been decided by less than 11 points.

Co-Lin currently holds a two-game lead over East Central. The Lady Wolves led the Lady Warriors 72-36 with 11 minutes left at Wesson before taking an 89-71 win.

East Central's Lady Warriors are in second place in the South Division at 5-2 following Monday's 96-82 win over Gulf Coast.

"That puts us in second to start the second half of the division," ECCC head coach Brad Hodge said. "That's a great position to be in. We played another balanced game. It was a very good team effort with five people again in double figures.

"It's a different person stepping up every night and leading the charge with the other people following suit. That's what you've got to have to have a chance."

However, the Lady Warriors are just two losses from likely dropping out of the top four spots and will have four of their final seven games on the road including dates at Pearl River (tonight), Southwest Mississippi, and Mississippi Gulf Coast. The Lady Warriors are 11-6 overall.

The ECCC men are also currently in the top four in the South half as their 4-3 mark is good for a tie for third place. The Warriors have a 10-7 overall mark.

Meridian, making its return to the MACJC since pulling out in the mid-1980s, is tied for fifth place in the men's South Division standings and in sixth place in the women's league. Like ECCC, the MCC teams also have four of their last seven division games on the road as they will travel to Co-Lin, ECCC, Gulf Coast, and Southwest.

The Lady Eagles are 12-6 overall, while the Eagles are 8-9.

The East Mississippi women are battling for one of the top four spots in the North Division as their 3-3 mark is good for a four-way tie for third place behind Delta and Northwest Mississippi. The Lady Lions are 8-11 overall.

The EMCC Lions, however, are facing an uphill battle as they are tied for sixth place with just one league win thus far. The Lions are 3-16 overall.

The Jones Bobcats are tied with East Central for third place in the South half men's standings with ECCC owning the tie-breaker. The Lady Bobcats are down to eight players for the second semester and are in seventh place with just one league victory.

The Jones men have a 10-7 overall record, while the Lady Bobcats are 3-14.

Pearl River and Southwest are tied for the South men's lead at 5-2, while Itawamba and Holmes share the top spot in the North half at 5-1. Pearl River and Itawamba hold the tie-breakers.

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Burks, Overstreet hit doubles for EC

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East Central's women cruised to a 79-65 victory and the men held on for a 62-60 decision.

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Also scoring were Britney Burks of Scott Central, 12; Ebone'e Leverette and Lenore Gray, 11 each; and Monique Overstreet of South Leake, 10.

The Lady Warriors held a 36-32 advantage at halftime.

Corey Hornsby led the Warriors with 17.

Other point makers were Demario Qualls, 14; Brandon Mason, 13; Donzel Crenshaw 10; and Dewayne Hughes of Sebastopol, six.

Jones led 33-28 at the break.

In other action last week, ECCC squads fell to Copiah-Lincoln Jan. 20.

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Lady Warrior scorers were McKee, 13; Viverette, 11; Melinda Ben of Choctaw Central, six and Overstreet and Burks, three each.

Warriors point makers were Hornsby, 24; Qualls, 17; Mason, 10 and Hughes, three.

The score was deadlocked at 73-73 at the end of regulation.

In action scheduled this week, the Lady Warriors and Warriors travel to Pearl River on Thursday, Jan. 30. East Central will entertain squads from Hinds on Monday, Feb. 3.

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By Jeff Byrd
Sports Journal Plus

Former Mississippi State head men's basketball coach Richard Williams is proving to be a vital sounding board for the Meridian Community College basketball team.

And sometimes the advice isn't pretty, says MCC head coach George Brooks who played for Williams at State.

"We talk about basketball at least once, a lot of times, twice a week," Brooks said.

"He came up from Bay St. Louis last Thursday to see us play Pearl River (at Poplarville). Coach Williams is always pretty upfront about what he sees about my coaching and my team, especially if its something he doesn't like."

The pupil and mentor were on the phone Friday morning reassessing MCC's 81-74 win at Pearl River which puts them back into the MACJC South Division race with a 3-3 record.

"Did you think I handled my timeouts right?," was one of the questions Brooks asked of Williams. "How did you think that guy played?"

Evidently the advice is paying off. The Eagles picked up two huge wins and then added another on Saturday beating Mary Holmes. At the start of last week, MCC was three games under. 500. Now their 8-8 and 3-3 in the south division.

"A lot of this has come right after I called them cowards following the game with East Central," Brooks said. "We're now back in the hunt.

'What I really like is that they are demanding the best out of each other.

"The other night against Gulf Coast. We get them down and they go ahead kicked them down further," he said.

Another key is the improved play in the middle by Eagle post player Kenny Boyd of Kemper County.

"Kenny played one of his best games at Pearl River. He rebounded and he competed hard down the stretch in that game and that was a big reason why we won.

"Before, he wasn't much of a difference and the lane became pretty congested in there."

The MCC Lady Eagles, however, are struggling. They lost a second straight home game with the Jan. 21 loss to Gulf Coast 106-89. They then fell to 2-4 in South Division play with a 102-53 loss to Pearl River.

The club played without leading scorer Monique Horner who was out with an injury.

Monday night saw a bounce back as the Lady Eagles defeated 15-3 Southwest 75-56.

Horner had 23 points in returning to action. Chelse Alford added 20 points.

The win lifts MCC to 3-4 in division play, a game back of three teams tied for third place at 4-3.

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GOING UP STRONG

Jones County Junior College's Timothy Broomfield grabs a rebound against Hinds earlier this year. The Bobcats are 10-6 (before Monday night's game).

East Central

The East Central Warriors continue to progress upward to the front of the South Division standings. The Warriors defended homecourt by beating Jones CC last Thursday night in Decatur.

The win moved the Warriors to 4-2 in the South Division. But on Monday night, ECCC dropped a tough-one point decision to Gulf Coast 78-77. That loss drops the club back to 4-3 in the South Division.

— Jeff Byrd

East Mississippi

The East Mississippi Lady Lions are another team on the move. The EMCC women beat Holmes Community College last Thursday night in Scooba and then whipped Coahoma 89-48.

The wins moves the Lady Lions to 3-3 in the North Division and 8-11 overall.

"Had we beaten Northwest like we should, we'd be tied for first place," said EMCC women's head coach Dale Peay.

"It's just going to be a six-team scramble to the end. A lot of people are bunched together at 3-3 or 4-2 and it's going to be a mad race."

Yolanda Thomas had a double-double at Coahoma with 12 points and 14 rebounds.

Jones Junior College

National signing day is Feb. 5 for high school football players across the country, but Jones Junior College is going to wait a couple of days to release the names of their signees. Coach Parker Dykes and his staff will hold their annual

lost to Southwest, 78-67, and to East Central, 62-60. That knocked the Bobcats out of the ranks of the unbeaten in the South Division and into a four-way tie for first place.

Coach Sandra Sumrall's Lady Bobcats lost a heartbreaking, overtime decision to Southwest, 75-69 in overtime, and fell to East Central, 79-65. The women's team is 3-

what happened Monday night when Pearl River Community College battled archrival Jones in a key South Division clash at Ellisville.

Yandell Brown missed a pair of charities with 10.2 seconds to play and the Wildcats clinging to a 75-74 lead. But the Wildcats grabbed the long rebound after the second miss and got the ball to Justin Miller,

WEEK OF Jan 27

ECCC sweeps Jones in Hoop

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Also scoring were Britney Burks of Scott Central, 12; Ebone'e Leverette of Forest and Lenore Gray of Newton, 11 each; Monique Overstreet of South Leake, 10; Kimyatta Viverette of Lake and Miranda Rosar of Neshoba Central, seven each; and Patsy McKee of Forest, five.

Latoria Keyes of West Jones had 19 points to lead the Lady Bobcats, who fell to 3-13 and 1-5.

The Lady Warriors held a 36-32 advantage at halftime. Corey Hornsby, who hails from Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, La., scored 17 points to lead the Warriors who are also 10-6 and 4-2.

Other point makers were Demario Qualls of Newton, 14; Brandon Mason of North Dale High School in Baton Rouge, 13; Donzel Crenshaw of Ridgeway High School in Memphis, 10; Dewayne Hughes of Sebastopol, six; and Kevin Bobbitt of Lake, two. Marcus Johnson of Fort Walton, Fla., had 16 points to lead the Bobcats whose record also stands at 10-6 and 4-2.

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The Lady Wolves, who remained undefeated at 16 were ranked fourth in the nat prior to the division matchup.

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ECCC Warriors hold off Hinds, 92-88

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

DECATUR — After letting double-digit leads slip away in the final minutes of a pair of recent MACJC South Division losses, the East Central Community College Warriors were determined not to let it happen again Monday night as they held off Hinds for a 92-88 victory.

ECCC improved to 11-8 overall and 5-4 in the division.

"We hit some good shots and made our free throws down the stretch. That's something we hadn't done in a couple of games that we got beat down at the end," ECCC head coach Bill Smith said.

The Warriors led by 11 at 30-19 with 10:54 to go in the first half following a 3-pointer each from Jamaal Martin and Demario Qualls.

Hinds rallied to pull even at 41-41 on a basket by Mario Tyler with 28 seconds left in the first half. Dewayne Hughes beat the horn with a basket to give ECCC a 43-41 lead at the break with Corey Hornsby having 13 points and Qualls nine.

The Warriors stretched back out to a 10-point lead at 63-53 with 12:28 to go following a 6-0 run.

The Bulldogs got a pair of treys from Devine Gary as they closed to within 69-67 with 6:58 left.

Martin hit a trey and then converted a three-point play to give the Warriors a 75-67 lead with 6:03 remaining.

A layup by Donald Jones with 3:28 left knotted the battle at 78-78. Martin responded with a 3-pointer on ECCC's next possession and the Warriors made 11-of-15 free throws over the final 1:51 to claim the win. Donzel Crenshaw was 5-of-6 at the line during that span, while Hornsby was 4-of-6.

Not even a pair of treys from near 35-foot range by Gary in the last 14 seconds could reverse ECCC's fortune.

"I thought we did a real good job of staying composed there at the end," Smith said. "We didn't make the big turnover. That was a big win for us. We could be tied for second depending on what happened with Southwest."

Southwest hosted Pearl River on Monday.

ECCC got 26 points from Hornsby, 14 from Desmond Jones, 13 from Martin, 12 from Qualls, nine from Brandon Mason, eight from Crenshaw, and six from Kevin Bobbitt.

Hinds (7-11, 3-6) got 20 points apiece from Tyler and Denauldo Bennett and 15 each from Gary and Jones.

ECCC women	**72**
Hinds	**47**

The Lady Warriors jumped out to a 44-25 halftime lead in crushing Hinds. ECCC led by as many as 32 points in the second half.

Tamekia Foley led ECCC with a game-high 24 points, 13 of which came in the first half. Monique Overstreet added 14 with a dozen coming on 3-pointers. Ebone'e Leverette had 10, Kimyatta Viverette seven, and Lenore Gray and Britney Burks six each.

ECCC improved to 12-7 overall and 6-3 in the division, while Hinds slumped to 3-17 and 0-9.

"There's not an easy game in this league," ECCC head coach Brad Hodge said. "It was good to get a win. It wasn't the prettiest, but it was good. It was good to see Tamekia Foley step up and play well and shoot the ball well. We challenged her today at the shootaround and she stepped up and did a good job.

"Monique Overstreet has shot it well the last couple of games. That's the spurt we need. If she can keep that up, that will give us a threat off the bench.

"We've got to find a way to get a couple more (wins). Going on the road Thursday (to Southwest) will be tough."

ECCC hosts Meridian and Copiah-Lincoln next week.

Kristy Sanders scored 14 points and Shawanna Coleman had 13 for Hinds.

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GOING UP STRONG

East Central Community College's Britney Burks makes a shot against Shelton (Ala.) State in recent junior college basketball action.

Powerful Lady Wolves visit Jones JC on Thursday

From combined reports

The Jones Junior College Bobcats are struggling on the basketball court.

Heading into Monday's win over Meridian Community College, coach Robert McInnis' men's team had dropped four straight South Division games, leaving them at 10-8 overall, 4-4 in the division.

Following Monday night's two-point win over MCC, the Lady Bobcats are 4-15 overall, 2-7 in the division and face an enormous task tonight (Thursday), when the No. 4-ranked and undefeated Co-Lin Community College Lady Wolves come into Ellisville tonight.

Former JCJC women's coach Katie Herrington, who now teaches at JCJC, votes in the weekly National Junior College

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Head coach Bobby Glaze has announced the signings of three area high school baseball players to scholarships. Cagney Ulmer of Laurel, Jason Ford of Northeast Jones and Joey Mooney of Seminary have signed with the Bobcats.

Head coach Parker Dykes' football team will announce the signing of high school football players Friday at the school.

Coach Dykes' Bobcats will begin spring football practice Feb. 17. They will practice four days a week for three weeks leading up to spring break, which is March 10-14. They return after spring break for two more weeks of practice.

Coach Ed Smith's golf team recently held tryouts for the team. The spring golf schedule has not been finalized.

— Shawn Wansley

Pearl River CC

The Wildcats remained atop the South Division standings by winning a pair of games, whipping East Central 92-59 on Thursday, then easing past Southwest 54-50 on Monday.

Yandell Brown scored 25 points and Keesler Johnson added 15 points in the romp over ECCC; Brown had 17 for the Wildcats against Southwest. PRCC is 17-3 overall and 8-1 in the division.

The Lady Wildcats split their two games, defeating East Central 69-60, but falling to Southwest 68-64. Audosha Kelley scored 22 points against East Central and 30 against Southwest. The PRCC woman are 15-5 overall and 5-4 in the division.

— Stan Caldwell

Meridian CC

Going into Monday night's play, five of the Meridian Star's six junior college basketball teams were still fighting for playoff berths.

But the Lady Bobcats of Jones Junior College may have dealt a death blow to the State Tournament chances of the Meridian Community College Lady Eagles.

Jones hung on for a 90-88 victory at the MCC Ivy Sports Center on Monday night. The loss dropped MCC to 3-6 in the South Division. For Jones, it was their first in the South Division this season.

"It was a real tough loss," said MCC head coach Hilary Allen afterwards. "But this has been a tough season. We've been battling injuries and sickness all season.

"But, my team continues to play hard. We've lost some games in the second half of the year, even though, we probably played as hard as any we have all year," Allen said.

The MCC men stayed in the race after picking up a big road win at Copiah-Lincoln last Thursday. The Eagles were 4-4 in the division going into Monday's game with Jones, but then lost that one to fall to 4-5.

The MCC golf team opened its season on Sunday and Monday at the Rock Creek Country Club for the Faulkner State Invitational.

After a poor first day, MCC came back to finish in sixth place with a 647. Spring Hill College of Mobile won the event with a team score of 610. Daniel Boles was the top MCC golfer with a two-round score of 159.

— Jeff Byrd

East Central

The East Central Lady Warriors stepped closer to a State Tournament bid by beating winless Hinds on Monday night, 72-47.

The win moves Coach Brad Hodge's team to 6-3 inside the division. The Lady Warriors are 12-7 overall.

The team faces a key game on Thursday night in Summitt at Southwest CC. They then will host Meridian Community College next Monday night in Decatur.

"We've got to find a way to get a couple more (wins)," Hodge said. "Going on the road Thursday (to Southwest) will be tough.

"There's not an easy game in this league."

— Jeff Byrd

East Mississippi

The EMCC Lions picked up their fourth win of the season beating visiting Northwest CC 87-79 in Scooba on Monday night.

The win makes the Lions 4-16 on the season. Tremechie Evans and Davarrius Hairston each tossed in 16 points in the victory.

"We did a good job of handling their press in the first half," said EMCC head coach Clay Armstrong. "We got a lot of easy looks and a lot of layups."

The Lady Lions were not as fortunate. They lost to Northwest 72-47 to fall to 8-13 on the season. The loss also puts EMCC further behind in the North Division standings at 3-4.

— Jeff Byrd

WEEK OF Feb 3

Lady Warriors fall to Pearl River

The East Central Lady Warriors fell to Pearl River Community College in women's basketball action on Thursday night in Poplarville.

PRCC moves into a tie for second place in the MACJC South Division at 5-3 with East Central following the 69-60 win. The loss drops East Central to 5-3 in the South Division.

The club is now 10-7 overall. Monique Overstreet led the Lady Warriors with 19 points. Brittany Burks chipped in 13 points and Kemyatta Viverette had 10 points.

Kelley led PRCC with a game high 22 points. The East Central men fell to Pearl River 92-59. The loss drops the Warriors to 4-4 in the South Division. PRCC stays in first place at 6-2.

— Jeff Byrd

ECCC OFFERS PEDIATRIC BASIC TRAUMA LIFE SUPPORT CLASS

A one-day class in Pediatric Basic Trauma Life Support is being offered Saturday, January 25 at East Central Community College in Decatur. The special interest course is designed for EMTs, health care workers, paramedics and other health-related fields. Participants receive CEU (.8 CEUs) credit for completing the course, which is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Frank T. Rives Educational Building, Room 26. Cost is $60 per student. Patrick Black, director/instructor for ECCC's new Paramedic Technology program, serves as class instructor. For more information contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Phone 635-2111

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ECCC ladies split pair

From staff reports

The remainder of the schedule is not an easy one for the basketball teams at East Central Community College. In fact, the season's stretch run is already off to a rough start for the EC men.

The Warriors dropped a heartbreaking 78-77 decision to visiting Gulf Coast Community College last Monday night in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building in Decatur — and three days later, East Central's men lost 92-59 at Pearl River.

The Lady Warriors split their two South Division contests last week, winning 96-82 over Gulf Coast before a 69-60 loss to a solid Pearl River squad.

East Central's men entered this week with an overall record of 10-8, with a 4-4 mark in division play. The EC women are 11-7 and 5-3.

Both squads were to host Hinds Monday, and they go to Southwest Mississippi Thursday before returning to Decatur next Monday (Feb. 10) to entertain Meridian. All three matchups are division showdowns.

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• **East Central women:** Freshman Lenore Gray of Newton was the hero last Monday night against Gulf Coast, as she scored a game-high 27 points and grabbing 15 rebounds to pace five Lady Warriors in double figures.

"It's a different person stepping up every night ... that's what you've got to have to have a chance," East Central coach Brad Hodge said.

In addition to Gray's performance, the Lady Warriors also got 16 points from Tamekia Foley and 15 from Britney Burks. Ebonee Leverette scored 12 points, while former Neshoba Central standouts Miranda Rosar (10 points) and Elyse Willis (nine points) combined for 19 points.

Kimyatta Viverette tossed in seven. Willis scored six of her nine points during an ECCC run to turn a three-point Lady Warrior lead into a 74-65 advantage.

Gulf Coast fell to 13-5 overall and 4-3 in the division.

Against Pearl River, the Lady Warriors were down just 28-26 at halftime, but couldn't stay with the Lady Wildcats — who moved to 15-4 and 6-2.

Monique Overstreet led East Central with 19 points in the loss, while Burks scored 13. Viverette chipped in 10 points and Leverette had nine.

• **East Central men:** The Warriors watched a double-digit lead slip away in the final minutes last Monday night at home against Gulf Coast, falling in a one-point thriller.

Corey Hornsby tossed in a game-high 25 points to lead East Central, while Brandon Mason scored 12 and Donzel Crenshaw 10.

Al Willis tallied seven points, while Jamaal Martin and former Neshoba Central standout Desmond Jones had six points apiece.

Malcolm Woods led Gulf Coast (9-9, 3-4) with 17 points.

At Pearl River, the host Wildcats maintained their chase for the South Division title by outscoring East Central 55-34 in the second half. Pearl River is now 16-3 overall and 6-2 in the South.

The Warriors lost despite 17 points from Hornsby and 10 from Crenshaw.

Qualls tallied nine points, Bobbitt had eight and Jones six.

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Overstreet heats arc as EC breaks even

East Central swept Hinds on Monday after dropping both on Thursday at Pearl River.

Despite ECCC's woes, former South Leake star Monique Overstreet caught fire.

In reported accounts, Overstreet nailed five threes in the loss at PRCC and led the Lady Warriors with 19 points.

In Monday's 72-47 win, Overstreet posted 14 points. The Lady Warriors were led by Tamekia Foley with 24. Britney Burks of Scott Central added six.

The Warriors won their game 92-88.

Corey Hornsby pumped in 26 points to lead the Warriors. Other point makers were Desmond Jones, 14; Jamaal Martin, 13; Demario Qualls, 12; and Dewayne Hughes of Sebastopol, four.

East Central led 44-41 at halftime.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors travel to Southwest Mississippi Community College today (Thursday) and host Meridian on Monday.

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ECCC teams sweep Hinds

The Lady Warriors and Warriors of East Central Community College registered victories over South Division opponent Hinds Community College Monday night in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

East Central's women cruised past the Lady Eagles by a 72-47 margin and improved to 12-7 overall and 6-3 in league play, while the EC men held on for a 92-88 win and bettered their record to 11-8 and 5-4.

Tamekia Foley of Newton County led the Lady Warriors with 24 points. Also scoring were Monique Overstreet of South Leake, 14; Ebone'e Leverette of Forest, 10; Kimyatta Viverette of Lake, seven; Lenore Gray of Newton and Britney Burks of Scott Central, six each; Adrian Washington of Carrollton, four; and Andrea Chesney of Newton Academy, one.

Kristy Sanders of Raymond had 14 points to lead Hinds, who fell to 3-17 and 0-9.

EC led 44-25 at the break.

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Mario Tyler of Edwards and Denauldo Bennett of Jackson had 20 points each for Hinds, which dropped to 7-10 and 3-6.

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The Lady Warriors and Warriors travel to Southwest Mississippi Community College on Thursday, February 6 and host Meridian Community College on Monday, February 10.

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Warriors claim win over MCC

FIGHTING FOR THE PLAYOFFS — ECCC's Desmond Jones battles as he makes an attempt to steal the ball from MCC's Jamal Edmonson during the final seconds of the first half. Photo by Paula Merritt / The Meridian Star

By Marty Stamper / EMG sports assistant
Feb. 11, 2003

DECATUR — It's a shame ESPN doesn't show junior college basketball games as Monday's Meridian-East Central men's contest would have been in the running for an Instant Classic.

Both teams entered the game tied for fourth place in the MACJC South Division standings and only the top four teams advance to the postseason.

ECCC took the win 104-97 in a battle that had nine ties in the first half before the Warriors used a late 8-0 run to carry a 54-47 lead into halftime. Six of the eight points came on 3-pointers from Jamaal Martin.

"It's a big win," ECCC head coach Bill Smith said. "That gives us a little advantage in the tiebreaker if we happened to end up tied with them. Plus, it's just a big game with us and Meridian. I think both teams came out and played very, very hard both halves."

"I can't be mad at my team about anything," MCC coach George Brooks said. "I'm proud of their effort. To come in here short-handed and there were several times our guys could have quit fighting, but they fought to the end.

"(ECCC) did a tremendous job. That's why they won."

Trifectas were nothing new to MCC either as Jamal Edmonson hit his first eight long-range bombs in the first half. Of the 17 combined treys in the first 20 minutes, MCC had nine and ECCC eight.

"Edmonson put on a mighty big show for us in the first half," Smith said. "He probably shot as good as anybody I've ever seen in the first all of the suspense. Foley and Ebonie e Leverette both had six points during the run.

"That's 28 to 5," ECCC head coach Brad Hodge said of the first 4:32 of the first half and the first six minutes of the second half. "We were very fortunate they started out slow. As long as Monique Horner is out there, you've got to be on your toes, but we'll take it. It's a good win.

"Our girls played real solid basketball, especially defensively. Any time you hold that group under 60, you've done a good job."

The Lady Warriors led by as many as 25 (56-31) before closing with the 18-point victory.

Foley led ECCC (13-8, 7-4) with 23 points. Leverette, McKee, Gray, and Britney Burks each added eight.

"Tamekia has done a good job of stepping up and being a leader the last four or five games," Hodge said. "We challenged her and she responded."

MCC (13-8, 4-7) got 16 points from Horner, who was held to just three in the second half. Alford had 10 and Silvo Harris tossed in

half."

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Edmonson's 26 points clearly led the Eagles in the first half, but the Warriors had a balanced attack with Martin, Corey Hornsby, and Donzel Crenshaw each with nine points, Desmond Jones with eight, and Brandon Mason with seven.

ECCC went up by 11 at 60-49 with 18:19 to go on consecutive steals and layups by Hornsby and Kevin Bobbitt.

With Edmonson out for the remainder of the game with an ankle injury, the Eagles turned to big man Kenny Boyd inside and he reeled off six straight points as MCC got to within 64-61 with 15:43 showing.

A 3-pointer from Tavares Childs tied the game at 69-69. The struggle was deadlocked four more times before Crenshaw gave ECCC the lead for good at 94-92 with 2:42 remaining. Hornsby added a free throw, then canned a mid-range jumper with three seconds on the shot clock and 59 left in the game to put the Warriors up 97-92.

ECCC hit 7-of-10 free throws over the final minute to seal its second win over the Eagles this year.

"We both shot it real well in the first half," Smith said. "It was just a question of who made the shots down the stretch and fortunately we had enough of a lead when it became a free-throw contest. We made our free throws and got some crucial rebounds inside the final minute."

Hornsby led ECCC (12-9, 6-5) with 29 points. Crenshaw scored 16, Jones had 14, Mason and Demario Qualls both had 11, Martin added nine, and Bobbitt finished with eight.

MCC (10-11, 5-6) got 26 points from Edmonson, 21 from Boyd, 15 from Quadrick Griffin, 10 each from Childs and J.R. Willis, and nine from Jamaine Winfield.

"Jamal sprained his ankle pretty bad in the first half and he tried to go back and battle, but that's part of the game," Brooks said. "You have to absorb injuries and keep coming."

ECCC women 70

MCC 52

The Lady Warriors used two hot starts to each half in beating MCC for the second time this season.

ECCC scored 14 of the game's first 15 points with Patsy McKee connecting twice from 3-point range.

The Lady Warriors had their lead cut to five (29-24) on a free throw by Chelse Alford with 2:18 to go in the half, but a basket by Lenore Gray and a 3-pointer from Tamekia Foley sent the Lady Warriors into the break with a 34-26 advantage.

ECCC then opened the second half with a 14-4 run to remove nearly

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East Central seeks rebound in 2003

By Marty Stamper / EMG sports assistant
Feb. 13, 2003

DECATUR — After enduring three years of MACJC recruiting limitations, the East Central Community College Warriors are ready to get back in the business of winning baseball games.

Unable to recruit outside their district, other than out-of-state, the Warriors have gone 48-87 the last three seasons, including a dismal 9-31 showing in 2002.

The three seasons prior to the sanctions, the Warriors were 100-67. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure the program needs out-of-district support to be competitive on an annual basis.

Of this year's 30-man roster, 18 players are from the district to go with three out-of-staters and nine out-of-district athletes.

Of the Mississippians not from the five-county district, perhaps the most known is freshman pitcher Jim Tally who was 19-0 at for Class 2A state champion Mooreville and was the Northeast Mississippi Journal's Player of the Year.

"I feel much better about the season," said second-year head coach Jake Yarborough prior to Wednesday's 15-1 season-opening blowout of Coahoma at Decatur. "I feel like our hitting is a lot better than it was last year. That's one thing that we didn't have — run support. Right now we're hitting the ball pretty good.

"The pitchers are getting much sharper every time they go out and throw bullpen.

"Defense is pretty sound. We've got a lot of competition at each position. They're having to work to earn their spot. Right now, there's a bunch of positions that are still open. They're battling for them."

Twenty-two of this year's players are freshmen.

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WEEK OF Feb 10

ECCC hosts leadership conference on Thursday

special to The Star
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More than 800 students from 37 high school and vocational-technical centers will meet Thursday at East Central Community College when the state chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America holds its Central District leadership conference.

Sponsored by the college's Phi Beta Lambda chapter, the conference will feature an annual contest that measures student abilities in various areas of technology and business-related skills, said Brenda Johnson, an ECCC computer technology instructor.

Johnson, an adviser for Phi Beta Lambda, serves as conference chairman. Johnson said the ECCC is again pleased to host the event at the Decatur campus for the second straight year.

"We are again excited to serve as host for the conference and look forward to having so many outstanding students from Central Mississippi visit our campus," Johnson said.

Registration for the day's activities is scheduled from 8 a.m.-9 a.m. at the Tucker Technology Center, room 318.

That will be followed by various areas of competition that include accounting, business communication, business procedures, computer concepts, entrepreneurship, marketing, networking concepts, desktop publishing, speaking, job interview, business, economics

and parliamentary procedure.

The guests will be entertained by the Collegians, ECCC's vocal-instrumental pop group, at a 1 p.m. concert in Huff Auditorium. An awards ceremony is scheduled at 2:30 p.m., and will recognize the top six winners in each area of competition.

Those winners also will qualify for the state contest in April.

For more details contact Brenda Johnson at the community college's Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center at 635-2111 or, toll free, (877) 462-3222, ext. 255.

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WEEK OF Feb 10

ECCC takes key win

The East Central men's basketball team picked up a key victory Thursday night beating Copiah-Lincoln 95-67 in South Division action of the Mississippi Junior College basketball league.

The win moves the Warriors to 7-5 in the division giving them plus two wins on fifth place Meridian Community College.

East Central, now 13-9 overall, got 25 points from Corey Burnsby. Damario Quails had 17 and Donzell Crenshaw added 13.

Co-Lin, now 7-13 and 4-8, received 25 points from Jerime Collier and 13 from Jerimie Richardson.

ECCC led 41-33.

In womens action, Co-Lin remained unbeaten on the season with a 66-59 victory.

The Lady Wolves are a perfect 23-0 on the season and are ranked fourth in the nation.

East Central slips to 7-5 in the South Division and is 13-9 overall.

Co-Lin was led by Tianni Burns with 27 points. Loretta Martin had nine.

ECCC was paced by Tamika Foley with 27. Eboneie Leverett had 10.

Northeast Jones girls 64
West Jones girls 45

Northeast Jones whipped West Jones 64-45 to earn a berth in the Division 5-4A Tournament.

The Lady Tigers will face Northeast Lauderdale in the finals

Kim Lewis led Northeast Jones with 19 points and Jessica McKenzie had 11.

Kelsey Hopkins added 13 points and Shan Lott had 11.

Northeast Jones led 31-26 at the half.

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WEEK OF Feb 10

ECCC men lose by one at Southwest

Southwest Mississippi Community College overcame a 13-point deficit in the second half and beat South Division rival East Central 73-72 Thursday at Summit.

The Warriors fell to 11-9 overall and 5-5 in the MACJC South Division. Southwest improved to 10-11 and 6-4.

The Warriors had one last chance to salvage a win. With five seconds to go and the Bears leading 73-72, EC inbounded the ball to Brandon Mason. But Southwest 6-foot-7 freshman center Nic Gamble blocked Mason's 15-foot shot as time expired.

With 14.1 seconds left, Southwest's Chris Magee sank the front end of a bonus situation to put the Bears up 73-72. The free throw was Magee's only point in the contest.

EC led 46-43 at halftime and was up 51-38 with 15:56 to go.

Hornsby led East Central in scoring with 20 points. Dewayne Hughes added 19 points, including five treys. Mason tossed in nine points. Donzel Crenshaw and Demario Qualls both had seven points.

Josh Matthews led the Bears with 20 points. He had six of the Bears' 12 3-pointers.

• **Southwest women 81, EC 75:** The Lady Warriors dropped to 12-8 overall and 6-4 in league play with Thursday's road loss.

Southwest led 47-21 at halftime. EC cut into the Southwest lead to get to within 63-58 with 8:05 left to play.

But a putback by Nakeya Downing and a 3-pointer by Tara Abdul-Hadi put the Lady Bears back up 68-58 with 7:10 remaining.

Tamekia Foley's 21 points led EC. Patsy McKee added 14 points, Monique Overstreet scored 12, Lenore Gray had 10, and Kimyatta Viverette had nine.

Downing's double-double led the Lady Bears. She had 30 points and 11 rebounds. Abdul-Hadi produced 27 points.

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WEEK OF Feb 20

East Central squads split South Division matchups

From combined reports

East Central Community College split a pair of South Division contests on the hardwood last week.

After taking two games from visiting Hinds Community College last Monday night in Decatur, the Warriors and Lady Warriors both took it on the chin at highly-touted Southwest Mississippi on Thursday night.

East Central's men entered this week with an overall record of 11-9 and a 5-5 mark in South Division play, while the East Central women are 12-8 and 6-4.

ECCC was to host Meridian Community College Monday, then turn around and entertain Copiah-Lincoln Thursday. Co-Lin's women are undefeated and nationally-ranked.

Next week, East Central wraps up the regular season with a trip to Jones County Junior College on Monday (Feb. 17) and a road date at Gulf Coast Thursday (Feb. 20).

• **ECCC women:** The Lady Warriors had little trouble with Hinds last Monday, taking a 25-point win in a 72-47 decision.

Tamekia Foley scored a game-high 24 points to lead East Central, while Monique Overstreet tallied 14 points and Ebonee Leverette 10. Kimyatta Viverette chipped in seven points, while Lenore Gray and Britney Burks had six apiece.

Kristy Sanders scored 14 points to lead Hinds, which fell to 3-17 on the season by falling behind 44-25 at halftime.

Last Thursday at Southwest, however, ECCC could not pull out a victory and fell 81-75 to the Lady Bears — who are now 15-5.

Foley had 21 points, Patsy McKee 14, Overstreet 12 and Gray 10 for East Central, with Viverette scoring nine points.

The Lady Warriors rallied from a 16-point deficit at halftime before coming up short.

• **ECCC men:** The Warriors won a thriller with Hinds last Monday, then lost a thriller three days later at Summit.

Against Hinds, ECCC led 44-41 at halftime on its way to a 92-88 victory.

Corey Hornsby pumped in a game-high 26 points, while former Neshoba Central standout Desmond Jones scored 14.

Jamaal Martin tallied 13 for the Warriors, Demario Qualls scored 12, Brandon Mason nine, Donzel Crenshaw eight and Kevin Bobbitt six.

The Warriors also got off to a fast start at Southwest, building a 43-36 lead before falling in a 73-72 heartbreaker.

Hornsby had 20 points in the loss, while Dewayne Hughes scored 19. Mason tallied nine points, Crenshaw and Qualls scored seven apiece and Bobbitt had six.

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ECCC Warriors, Lady Warriors Post Victories Over MCC

Bragging rights as well as playoff possibilities were on the line Monday night for East Central Community College basketball teams, and both squads responded in grand style by earning victories over division rival Meridian Community College in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

The Warriors – led by Corey Hornsby's 29 points - posted a 104-97 decision and kept their playoff hopes alive with three division games remaining on the 2002-03 schedule.

East Central, now 12-9 overall and 6-5 in league play under second year head coach Billy Smith, and MCC, 10-11 and 5-6, were tied for fourth place prior to Monday's matchup. The top four teams in the South and North Division qualify for the state tournament, scheduled February 24-27.

In addition to Hornsby, a product of Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, La., other Warrior scorers were Donzel Crenshaw of Ridgeway High School in Memphis, 16; Desmond Jones of Neshoba Central, 14; Demario Qualls of Newton and Brandon Mason of North Dale High School in Baton Rouge, 11 each; Jamaal Martin of Northeast Lauderdale, nine; Kevin Bobbitt of Lake, eight; and Dewayne Hughes of Sebastopol, six.

Jamal Edmondson of Montgomery, Ala., led Meridian with 26 points.

The Warriors held a 54-47 advantage at halftime.

East Central swept the season series with MCC, having earlier defeated the Eagles 90-83 on the Meridian campus.

In the women's contest, EC's Lady Warriors cruised past the MCC women by a 70-52 margin.

Sophomore Tamekia Foley of Newton County had 23 points to pace the Lady Warriors, who improved to 13-8 overall and 7-4 in the division under second-year head coach Brad Hodge. The win also put EC in second place in the division standings.

Other EC point makers were Ebone'e Leverette and Patsy McKee, both of Forest, Lenore Gray of Newton and Britney Burks of Scott Central, eight each; Monique Overstreet of South Leake, six; Kimyatta Viverette of Lake, four; Elyse Willis of Nehsoba Central, three; and Miranda Rosar of Neshoba Central, two.

Monique Horner of Meridian had 16 points for MCC, which fell to 13-8 and 4-7.

East Central led 34-26 at the break.

The Lady Warriors also swept their series with MCC, having earlier outscored the host Lady Eagles 76-66.

EC teams will host Copiah-Lincoln Community College this Thursday, which is also "Be Our Guest Night" for area high school students. The Lady Warriors and Warriors close out season action by traveling to Jones County Junior College February 17 and Gulf Coast Community College on February 20.

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FIGHTING FOR THE PLAYOFFS

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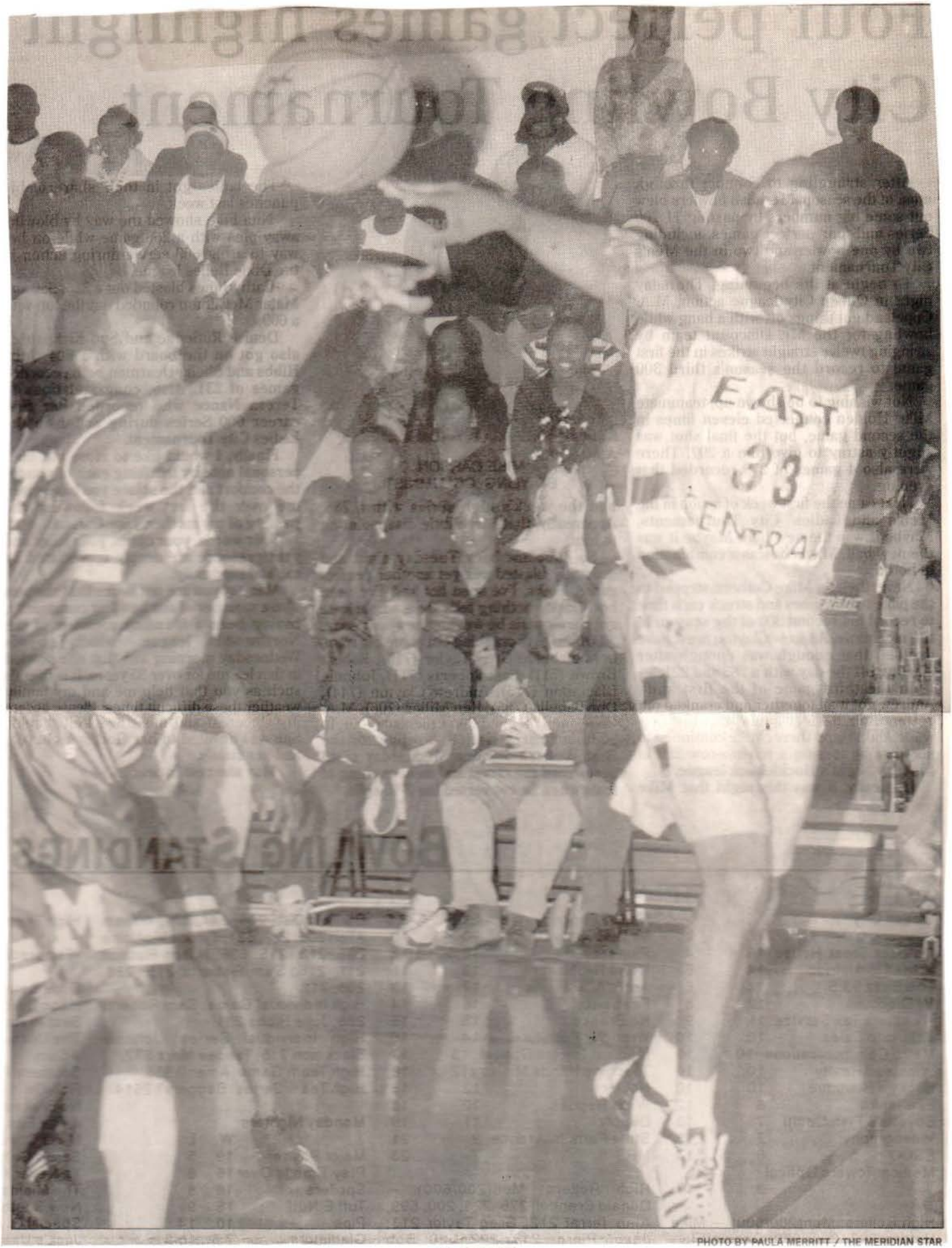

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A SAVE

East Central's Donnie Chandler makes a save on an out-going ball against Meridian Community College.

Warriors claim win over MCC

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

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A 3-pointer from Tavares Childs tied the game at 69-69. The struggle was deadlocked four more times before Crenshaw gave ECCC the lead for good at 94-92 with 2:42 remaining. Hornsby added a free throw, then canned a mid-range jumper with three seconds on the shot clock and 59 left in the game to put the Warriors up 97-92.

ECCC hit 7-of-10 free throws over the final minute to seal its second win over the Eagles this year.

"We both shot it real well in the first half," Smith said. "It was just a question of who made the shots down the stretch and fortunately we had enough of a lead when it became a free-throw contest. We

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made our free throws and got some crucial rebounds inside the final minute."

Hornsby led ECCC (12-9, 6-5) with 29 points. Crenshaw scored 16, Jones had 14, Mason and Demario Qualls both had 11, Martin added nine, and Bobbitt finished with eight.

MCC (10-11, 5-6) got 26 points from Edmonson, 21 from Boyd, 15 from Quadrick Griffin, 10 each from Childs and J.R. Willis, and nine from Jamaine Winfield.

"Jamal sprained his ankle pretty bad in the first half and he tried to go back and battle, but that's part of the game," Brooks said. "You have to absorb injuries and keep coming."

ECCC women	**70**
MCC	**52**

The Lady Warriors used two hot starts to each half in beating MCC for the second time this season.

ECCC scored 14 of the game's first 15 points with Patsy McKee connecting twice from 3-point range.

The Lady Warriors had their lead cut to five (29-24) on a free throw by Chelse Alford with 2:18 to go in the half, but a basket by Lenore Gray and a 3-pointer from Tamekia Foley sent the Lady Warriors into the break with a 34-26 advantage.

ECCC then opened the second half with a 14-4 run to remove nearly all of the suspense. Foley and Ebone'e Leverette both had six points during the run.

"That's 28 to 5," ECCC head coach Brad Hodge said of the first 4:32 of the first half and the first six minutes of the second half. "We were very fortunate they started out slow. As long as Monique Horner is out there, you've got to be on your toes, but we'll take it. It's a good win.

"Our girls played real solid basketball, especially defensively. Any time you hold that group under 60, you've done a good job."

The Lady Warriors led by as many as 25 (56-31) before closing with the 18-point victory.

Foley led ECCC (13-8, 7-4) with 23 points. Leverette, McKee, Gray, and Britney Burks each added eight.

"Tamekia has done a good job of stepping up and being a leader the last four or five games," Hodge said. "We challenged her and she responded."

MCC (13-8, 4-7) got 16 points from Horner, who was held to just three in the second half. Alford had 10 and Silvo Harris tossed in nine.

WEEK OF Feb 24

EC teams advance to state tourney

Britney Burks' lay-up with just seconds remaining in overtime not only gave East Central Community College a hard-fought 77-76 win over the Gulf Coast Lady Bulldogs Thursday night in Perkinston, but her bucket also provided the Lady Warriors with a berth in this week's state tournament and a spot in the Region 23 Tournament scheduled the following week.

The Lady Warriors, who finished the regular season with a 15-9 overall record and a 9-5 mark in the South Division under second-year head coachBrad Hodge, qualified for post-season play two days after the Warriors clinched a playoff spot with their 90-85 win over Jones County Junior College in Ellisville.

EC's men, who went 14-10 and 8-6 under second-year head mentor Billy Smith, can also make it to the Region 23 Tournament unless Itawamba — coached by former Warrior head coach Marty Cooper — wins the state tournament, according to a scenario provided by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

Copiah-Lincoln is serving as host of this year's state tournament, scheduled Feb. 24-27 in Wesson. First-round action has the women competing on Monday with men's games set for Tuesday.

EC's women, the number-four seed from the South, will challenge top-seed Mississippi Delta.

The Lady Warriors dropped both decisions to the Lady Trojans in regular season action, by scores of 82-79 and 74-65.

EC's Warriors, who are also seeded fourth in the South, begin tournament play by taking on Holmes (North No. 1 seed).

The Warriors split decisions with the Bulldogs in the regular season. EC fell 92-84 at Goodman and posted a 76-73 victory on the Decatur campus.

The Region 23 Tournament is scheduled March 3-6 at Mississippi College in Clinton.

• **EC women 77, Gulf Coast 76 (OT):** Ebone'e Leverette led the Lady Warriors in scoring against Gulf Coast with 17 points. Also scoring were Tamekia Foley with 16, Lenore Gray with 12, Miranda Rosar with eight, Elyse Willis with seven, and Burks and Patsy McKee with six each.

Gulf Coast led 36-27 at halftime. The score was deadlocked at 66-66 at the end of regulation.

• **Gulf Coast men 84, EC 68:** Corey Hornsby led the Warriors with 23 points. Also scoring were Donzell Crenshaw with 13, Dewayne Hughes with 11, Demario Qualls with seven, and Desmond Jones and Brandon Mason with six each.

The Bulldogs led 37-36 at the break.

• **EC men 90, Jones 85:** The Warriors, led by Hornsby's 33 points, held on for a 90-85 decision on Feb. 17 at Ellisville and qualified for the state tournament.

Other EC scorers were Hughes with 18, Qualls with 13, Mason with 11, and Crenshaw with nine.

EC led 46-45 at halftime.

• **EC women 72, Jones 55:** Foley led EC with 21 points, while McKee tossed in 19.

The Lady Warriors also got 13 from Leverette.

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Pearl River, ECCC State Bound

Copiah-Lincoln hosts two eight-team tourneys this weel

By Shawn Wansley
Sports Journal Plus

East Central Community College and Pearl River Community College turned out to be the top junior college basketball teams in the *Sports Journal Plus* circulation area.

The PRCC men captured the South Division with an 11-3 mark, while the Lady Wildcats were 9-5 and tied the Lady Warriors for second place in the division. In addition, the ECCC men finished in a three-way tie for second in the South, along with Gulf Coast and Southwest.

All four teams qualified for the Overall State Tournament, which is taking place this week at South Division Women's champion Co-Lin.

Also, most of the same teams that qualified for the State Tournament this week will compete in the Region 23 Tournament next week, March 3-6, at the A.E. Wood Coliseum on the campus of Mississippi College.

The basketball seasons were not as good at the other schools in the SJP area. Both the men and women's teams from Meridian Community College, East Mississippi Community College and Jones Junior College failed to finish in the top four in their respective divisions and failed to make postseason play.

The Jones' men's team started the year 4-0 in South Division play, but lost seven of their last 10 games. The Bobcats ended the season at 13-11, 7-7. The Lady Bobcats ended the year at 4-20, 2-12.

The Meridian CC Lady Eagles were 4-10 in division play, while the men's team finished at 5-9.

The EMCC men's team was 4-21, 2-10, while the Lady Lions were 10-15, 5-7.

The MACJC State Tournament began Monday with four women's games and Tuesday with four men's games.

Semifinals were set for Wednesday and the championship games are scheduled for Today (Thursday).

In women's games on Monday, Southwest met Holmes, East Central played Delta, Northwest took on Co-Lin and Northeast met Pearl River. In men's games on Tuesday, Gulf Coast faced Northwest, Holmes battled East Central, Pearl River played Itawamba and Delta met Southwest.

Coach Billy Smith's East Central men's team clinched a berth in the State Tournament with an exciting 90-85 victory at Jones last Monday.

"We were both tied for second place in the South, so this was very big game for us and them," said Smith. "With the win that guaranteed us a spot in the State Tournament. We played real hard and real smart, probably the best all-around game we've had all year."

Corey Hornsby paced the Warriors with 33 points.

Last Thursday, the Warriors concluded regular season play with an 84-68 loss at Gulf Coast. East Central was 14-10 entering the State Tournament.

The Lady Warriors qualified for the State Tournament with a thrilling, 77-76, win at Gulf Coast. That gave Coach Brad Hodge's team a 15-0 overall mark, 9-5 division record entering the State Tournament this week.

Pearl River head coach Richard Mathis, who has won two men's state championships in his 13 years at Pearl River, says he feels good about his team's chances going in.

"I like our chances," he said. "If we go in there and play with intensity and energy, I believe we can string three wins together and win this thing.

Everybody on our team has to do their part, though."

Pearl River was 21-4 entering the tournament.

Sophomore guard Yandell Brown of Eastman, Ga., is the leader of the Wildcats, averaging 25 points a game and, says Mathis, "is our most consistent guy night in and night out.

Mathis says the Holmes Bulldogs should be the favorite to win the men's title, as they return several players back from last year's state championship squad and have plenty of size and shooting talent.

Third-year head coach Ed Walley guides his Lady Wildcats, 19-6, into the post season for the third straight season. Headlining the squad is sophomore guard Audosha Kelley of Savannah, Ga., who averages 24 points a game.

"Audosha plays her heart out every time she goes on the court," Walley said.

"She's as consistent of a player as anybody in our league, but we've got to get help from our other starters and our bench people if we're going to have a shot at winning this thing."

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WEEK OF March 3

ECCC teams head to Region 23 event

In last week's MACJC State Basketball Tournament at Wesson, the East Central Community College Warriors advanced to the semifinals and barely missed out on reaching the finals.

The Lady Warriors lost in the quarterfinals.

Both teams are playing in the Region 23 Tournament this week.

• **Miss. Delta women 61, EC 51:** The Lady Warriors lost by 10 as Delta beat them for the third time this season in the Feb. 24 tournament opener.

Delta took a 32-22 lead into halftime and maintained it over the final 20 minutes.

EC, 15-10, got 21 points from Tamekia Foley, nine from Adrian Washington, and six from Miranda Rosar.

North Division champion Delta, 19-7, got 13 points from Keona Williams, 11 each from Saprina Reed and Shakeeta Boyd, and 10 from Lawanda Stewart.

• **EC men 69, Holmes 63:** The Warriors overcame a 31-26 halftime deficit in knocking off North Division champion Holmes on Feb. 25 in their first-round game.

Corey Hornsby led EC, 15-10, with 22 points. Demario Qualls scored 14, Donzel Crenshaw had 11, Desmond Jones 10, and Brandon Mason eight.

Holmes, 20-5, got 17 points from Marcus Hines and 10 each from Quinton Pryor and Jermaine Willis.

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• **Northwest men 99, EC 97 (OT):** Donzel Crenshaw's driving layup as time ran out failed to go down, sending Northwest into the finals.

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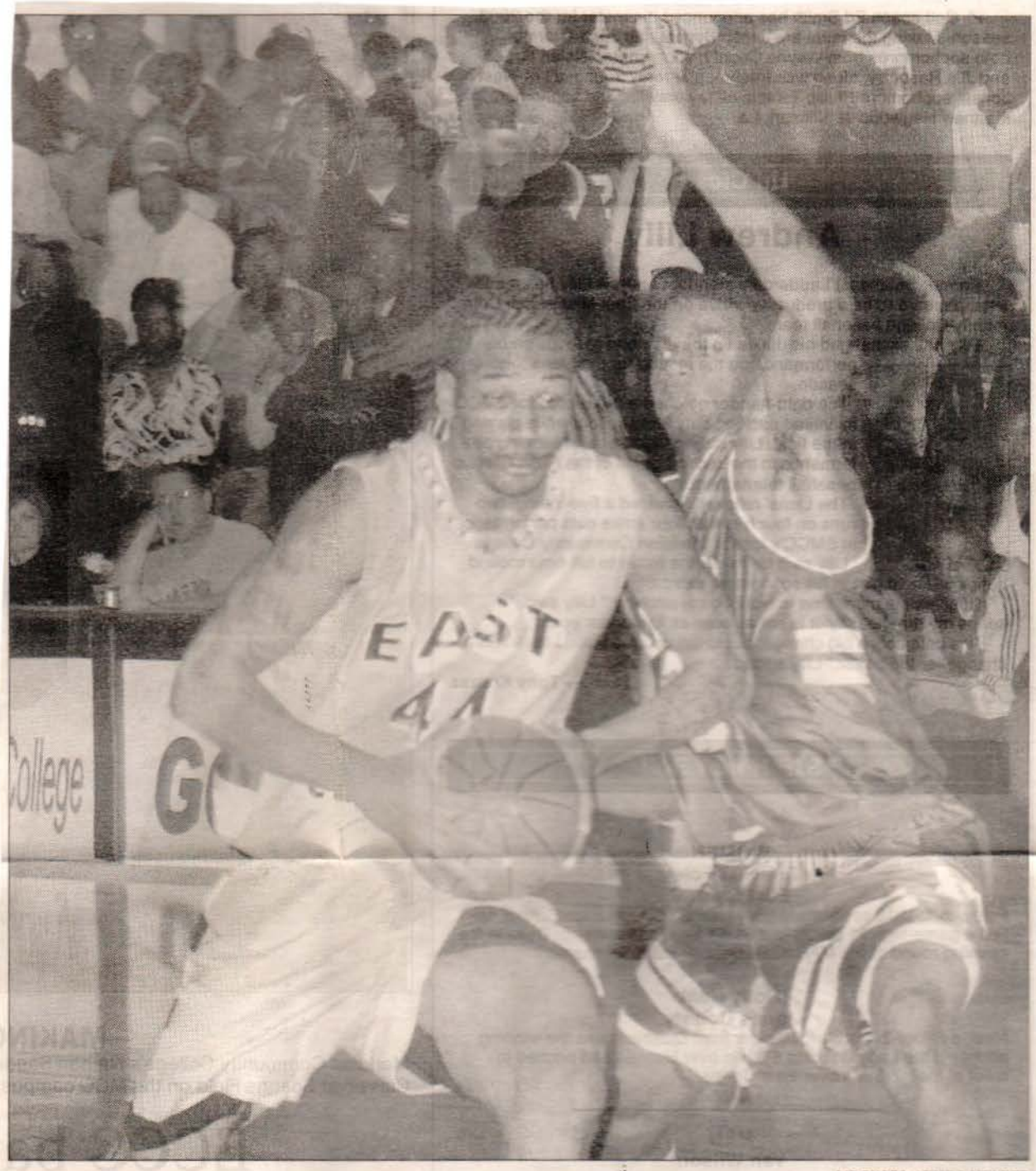

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DRIVING IN

East Central Community College's Brandon Mason, left, drives to the hoop in recent action. The Warriors took place in the MACJC State Tournament in Wesson this week.

WEEK OF March 3

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WEEK OF March 3

East Central squads playing in Region 23 tournament this week

By ROCKY HIGGINBOTHAM
Sports Editor

After making a heartbreaking exit from the state tournament last week, the men's basketball team from East Central Community College is hoping to make a little noise in the Region 23 Tournament at Mississippi College this week.

ECCC's men, after opening the tourney with a win over the North Division's top seed, lost a 99-97 overtime thriller to Northwest Mississippi in the semifinals of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges State Tournament.

ECCC's women lost their quarterfinal contest in the state tourney at Wesson, falling 61-51 to Mississippi Delta.

But both the Warriors and Lady Warriors have a chance to erase those losses this week, when they take part in the NJCAA Region 23 Tournament at A.E. Wood Coliseum in Clinton.

East Central's women, who entered this week with a 15-10 record, were set to take on Southwest Mississippi at 3 p.m. Tuesday in an opening-round region game. A loss ends the season for the Lady Warriors, but a win pushes them into a 6 p.m. semifinal matchup today against either Itawamba or Mississippi Delta. The women's championship is set for 6 p.m. Thursday.

The ECCC men, meanwhile, are 15-11 after last week's action and were to take on Holmes for the fourth time this season Monday night. A win there pushes EC into today's 3 p.m. semifinal contest against either Pearl River or Southwest. The men's title game is slated for 8 p.m. Thursday.

Last week, the Warriors started the tournament with a 69-63 victory over North regular-season champ Holmes. Corey Hornsby pumped in 22 points to pace East Central, which trailed 31-26 at halftime.

Demario Qualls (14 points), Donzell Crenshaw (11 points) and former Neshoba Central standout Desmond Jones (10 points) were all in double figures for EC, as well, while Brandon Mason chipped in eight points.

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Against Northwest, the Warriors missed an opportunity at the buzzer which would have sent the contest to double-overtime, falling 99-97.

Hornsby had a game-high 32 points to lead EC, while Crenshaw scored 21. Qualls and Dewayne Hughes tallied 14 points apiece and Mason scored 12.

Antonio Shaw and Reggie Gaddis had 21 points apiece for Northwest. The Rangers led 44-37 at halftime, and the teams were tied at 85 at the end of regulation.

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Gulf Coast hands ECCC first two losses of season

East Central Community College, after starting the season with six consecutive victories, finally suffered its first — and second — losses of the year last Thursday at Perkinston.

The Warriors were swept in a South Division doubleheader by homestanding Gulf Coast, losing 10-1 and 8-0.

EC, which fell to 6-2 with the loss, was to go to Jones County Junior College Monday, and today, the Warriors will host Gulf Coast in a rematch of last week's doubleheader.

East Central is also at Pearl River Saturday, then won't see action again until March 14 when it goes to Coahoma.

Last week against the Bulldogs, EC managed just six hits and one run in the losses.

The Warriors had started the week with a 12-4 victory over East Mississippi in the rain-delayed Rush Classic tournament last Monday in Meridian.

In that victory, Van Wilson homered and doubled for ECCC, which trailed 2-0 before scoring eight unanswered runs in the third, fourth and fifth innings.

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Foley's late-season surge gives East Central big boo

By Marty Stamper
Sports Journal Plus

DECATUR — For much of the 2002-03 basketball season, East Central Community College sophomore Tamekia Foley was content to go with the flow.

Over the Lady Warriors' final seven games, however, she's been more like a raging river that no one can stop.

Through 18 games, the 5-foot-10 guard from nearby Hickory was averaging 10.5 points per game.

For the first five contests, Foley had yet to reach double figures and was averaging just 7.0 points.

The Newton County High School grad was coming off her worst effort of the year, a scoreless outing in a 69-60 loss at Pearl River on Jan. 30 when Lady Warriors' head coach Brad Hodge decided it was time for a little chat.

After that talk, Foley went on a tear as she averaged 21.9 points down the home stretch as the Lady Warriors qualified for last week's MACJC State Tournament at Wesson and this week's Region XXIII Tournament at Clinton.

"He told me to just be relaxed and have fun," Foley said. "And that we needed me to step up since Rita (Birden) was out."

Birden, a freshman, was leading the team with a 13.6 scoring average when she suffered a season-ending knee injury in a 76-66 victory at Meridian on Jan. 16.

Foley took her newly expanded role seriously.

"I started coming in and working on my shots," she said.

Not that Foley wasn't a good shooter before.

"Tamekia has always been a good athlete," Hodge said. "She was a good high school scorer. She came in here with a lot of offensive potential as far as scoring goes.

"She was a great shooter in high school, but she wasn't the greatest ballhandler. She's improved on that since she's been here. We've made an emphasis on that for her.

"You knew that potential was there and she finally broke through that this year. After the Pearl River game was when we said we've got to have it from her.

"Losing Rita, we needed some additional fire power out there and she's provided that for the last seven games.

"She's been a person we can lean on to get an easy basket," Hodge said.

At 5-foot-10 Foley can prove hard to defend as she can go inside or shoot from three-point range. For the year she has hit 18 treys, including a season-high four in a 70-51 rout of Meridian on Feb. 10 at Decatur.

"Half of them I was open, but I can shoot," Foley said. "I just like jumpers. I'm not good at dribbling the ball. I just like catching it, pulling up and shooting it."

"She's hard to guard for the simple fact that you've got to get out on her, because she's got pretty good range," Hodge said. "She's got a good first step going to the hole and when she does go to the hole, she's athletic enough that she can jump up and shoot over people.

"She causes some match up problems. If you need to, you can take her and let her post up inside if she is guarded by a smaller girl. We've

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East Central Community College's Tamekia Foley (30), turned it on late for the Lady Warriors, leading them into the Region XXIII Tournament.

done that at times.

"She can play a couple of positions and that's where she provides us a lot of flexibility."

Foley scored a season-high 27 points in a 66-59 loss to Copiah-Lincoln, which was ranked third nationally at the time. She also had 24 against Hinds, 23 against Meridian, and 21 on three occasions.

Foley and Patsy McKee are the team's lone sophomores.

"My hat goes off to Patsy for the job she's done," Hodge said. "She's filled in Rita's shoes since she went down. There were times last year that we wouldn't even let Patsy shoot. Now, she's come out and had 19 against Jones and a couple of other games where she's stepped up and provided some offensive production.

"The end of January and the first of February those two have done a good job of giving us an offensive boost. They've been stable leaders. They've come a long way and I'm very proud of them for that," Hodge said.

Foley has been selected first-team all-state and has been picked for the 2003 MACJC All-Star Game on April 11 at Choctaw Central.

WEEK OF March 10

Warriors, Lady Warriors Complete 2003 Seasons

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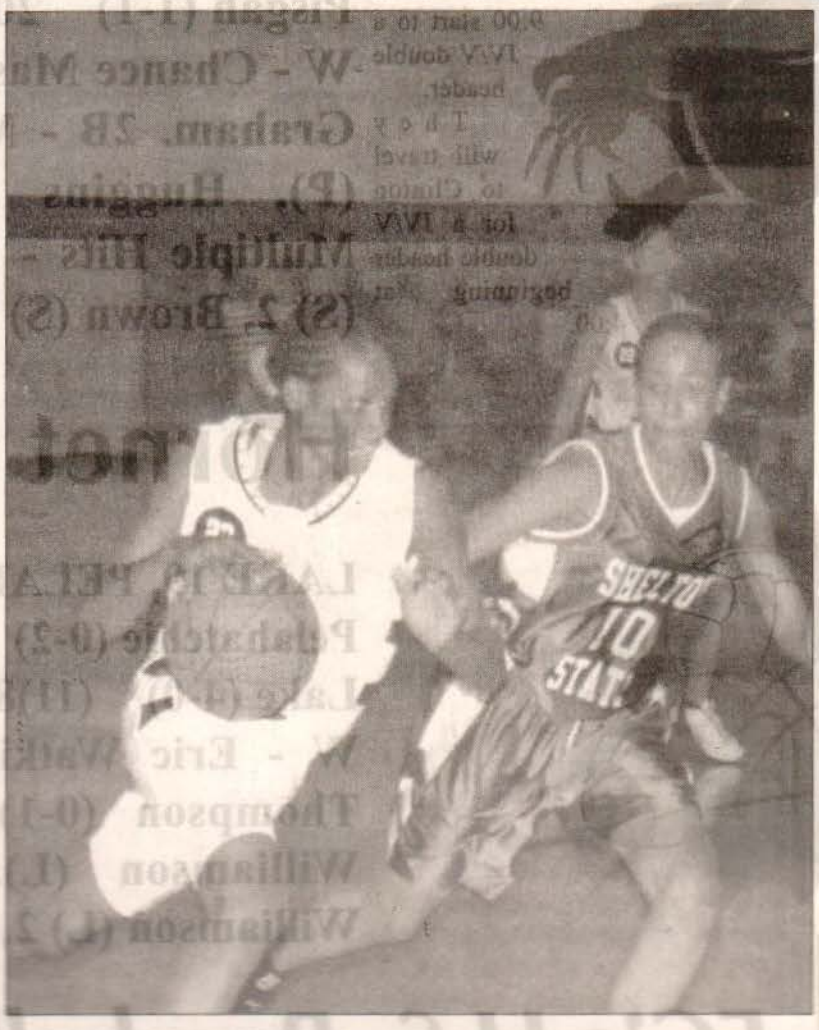

Kimyatta Viverette takes the ball up the court against tough defensive pressure. The Lady Warriors dropped the contest against Southwest CC, to end their season.

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WEEK OF March 17

JUCO All-Star basketball games scheduled April 11; East Central sends three players

The state's top community and junior college basketball players will have an opportunity to showcase their talents when the annual Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges All-Star Games take place Friday, April 11 at Choctaw Central High School in Choctaw, MS.

Tip-off for the women's game is set for 6 p.m., with the men's contest scheduled at 8 p.m.

Members of the North women's team include Jennifer Nelson, Coahoma; Yolanda Thomas, Dorecious Powe and Candace Spires, all of East Mississippi; Melissa Winters and Katunia Levey, both of Holmes; Saprina Reed, Mississippi Delta; Priscilla Berry, Lisa Moore and Latoye Davison, all of Northeast; and Angelica Graham, Northwest. Shirley Artis of Coahoma is head coach.

The South women's roster includes Tiania Burns, Shaquita Smith and Amie Beeson, all of Copiah-Lincoln; Tamekia Foley, East Central; Myeisha Mingo and Monique Cowans, both of Gulf Coast; Shawana Coleman, Hinds; Colette Bartee, Jones; Audosha Kelly and Jauesi Newsome, both of Pearl River; and Nakeya Downing and Tara Abdul-Hadi, both of Southwest. Gwyn Young of Co-Lin is head coach.

Members of the North men's team are Tamarius Brown and James Thomas, both of Coahoma; Tremechie Evans, East Mississippi; Sandrell Spann and Jermaine Willis, both of Holmes; O'Brien Lowe and Roy Hazzle, both of Itawamba; Kelly Scarver and Quintarrius Hodges, both of Delta; Taylor Rocker, Northeast; and Marcus Avant and Jason Dunn, both of Northwest. James Washington of Coahoma is head coach.

The South men's team includes Jeremie Collier and Jason Scott, both of Copiah-Lincoln; Corey Hornsby and Donzell Crenshaw, both of East Central; Chris Moody and Davy Easterling, both of Gulf Coast; Mario Tyler, Hinds; Lee J. Kirkpatrick, Jones; Grady Willis, Meridian; Yandell Brown and Justin Miller, both of Pearl River; and Willie Depron, Southwest. Dennis Sims of Copiah-Lincoln is head coach.

Coaches' clinics are scheduled prior to All-Star games and will be held at the Silver Star Resort and Casino. Sharon Fanning, head coach of the Mississippi State University Lady Bulldogs, is the featured speaker at the 3 p.m. session, and Mike LaPlante, men's head basketball coach at Jacksonville State University, will address the group at 4 p.m.

East Central Community College in Decatur, Pepsi, Silver Star Resort and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians serve as sponsors for the All-Star games.

For more information contact ECCC head basketball coaches Brad Hodge (ext. 372) or Billy Smith (ext. 243), Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222.

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April 7

South takes two at MACJC All-Star gan

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

JUCO BASKETBALL

CHOCTAW — Gwyn Young coached a very impressive women's basketball team at Copiah-Lincoln Community College this winter as his Lady Wolves finished 29-1.

Young had an even more talented team Friday night in the 26th-annual MACJC All-Star Games as his South squad cruised to a 90-67 win over the North at Choctaw Central High School.

It was Choctaw Central's eighth time to host the all-star affair at the Scalping Grounds.

Leading the South was Co-Lin's Tiania Burns, who scored a game-high 21 points to earn Most Valuable Player honors. Burns, a 5-foot-8 guard from Nashville, Tenn., has signed with Mississippi State. She averaged 27.1 points as a sophomore after scoring at a 22.9 clip as a freshman at Wesson.

The South also got 11 points from Audosha Kelly of Pearl River, 10 each from East Central's Tamekia Foley and Co-Lin's Shaquita Smith, eight from Nakeya Downing of Southwest, and seven apiece from Mycisha Mingo of Gulf Coast and Colette Bartee of Jones.

"We had three really good top Division I players on the team in Burns, Kelly, and Downing," Young said. "If you wanted to choose up a team and play, I would have picked this one right here, for sure."

Jennifer Nelson of Coahoma led four North players in double figures with 13 points. Yolanda Thomas of East Mississippi tossed in 12, Priscilla Berry of Northeast had 11, and Saprina Reed of Delta had 10. The North also got seven points from Holmes' Melissa Winters. Dorecious Powe and Candace Spires, both of East Mississippi, had two points and one point respectively.

The South led 44-39 at halftime and outscored the North 46-28 over the final 20 minutes.

South men	**101**
North	**88**

The South scored 23 of the game's final 34 points to turn a 78-77 lead into a 13-point victory.

Jason Scott, a 6-foot-5 forward from Co-Lin tossed in 23 points to lead the South and earn game MVP honors. Scott only averaged 17.6 points during the regular season.

Pearl River's Yandell Brown added 16 points for the winners.

The South also got 13 points from East Central's Corey Hornsby, who turned in a pair of spectacular dunks. Jerimie Collier of Co-Lin had 12 points with Keesler Johnson of Pearl River getting eight. Davy Easterling and Chris Moody, both of Gulf Coast, and Lee J. Kirkpatrick of Jones each had six. Meridian's J.R. Willis had five points. Donzel Crenshaw o
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WEEK OF April 7

ECCC has three in juco all-star games

by Marty Stamper

East Central Community College has two men and one woman participating in Friday's 26th-annual MACJC All-Star Basketball Games at Choctaw Central High School.

Corey Hornsby and Donzel Crenshaw were picked for the men's game, while Tamekia Foley was selected for the women's contest.

The women tip off at 6 p.m. with the men's matchup slated for 8 p.m.

Hornsby, a 6-foot-5 sophomore from Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, La., led ECCC to its first winning season in five years. Bolstered by his 23.7 scoring average, the Warriors finished 15-12 for their first winning mark since the 1996-97 squad went 15-11.

"Corey was by far our best offensive player," ECCC second-year head coach Bill Smith said. "He's a two-time all-state player and was Freshman of the Year as a freshman. He's the second-leading vote getter this year. He also made all-Region 23.

"He's just a tremendous athlete with a lot of natural ability. Without a doubt, he was our best offensive threat. He came through several times for us. He's just a good all-around ballplayer."

Hornsby had double figures in all but one of ECCC's 27 games. He had 25 or more points on 12 occasions, including a season-high 40 points in the season opener at Mississippi Delta.

Crenshaw averaged 9.9 points.

Foley averaged 12 points as the EC women finished 15-11.

Other top men on the South team are 5-foot-10 Yandell Brown (24 ppg) from Pearl River, 6-foot-2 Jerimie Collier (18.4 ppg) and 6-foot-5 Jason Scott (17.6 ppg) of Copiah-Lincoln, and 6-foot-1 Willie Depron (18 ppg) from Southwest.

Top players on the North men's team are 6-foot-2 Tremechie Evans (16.4 ppg) of East Mississippi, Tamarius Brown (23.5 ppg) of Coahoma, 6-foot-6 Sandrell Spann and 6-foot-7 Jermaine Willis, both of Holmes, 6-foot-4 O'Brian Lowe (17.3 ppg) of Itawamba, Quintar-rius Hodges (16.2 ppg), of Mississippi Delta; 6-foot-7 Taylor Rocker (12.5 ppg) of Northeast; and 6-foot-6 Marcus Avant (12.5 ppg) of Region 23 champion Northwest.

Members of the North women's team include Jennifer Nelson (20 ppg) of Coahoma, Melissa Winters (16 ppg) of Holmes, and Saprina Reed (24 ppg) of Mississippi Delta.

The South women's roster includes 5-foot-7 Tiania Burns (27.1 ppg) of once-beaten Copiah-Lincoln, 5-foot-4 Shawana Coleman (21 ppg) of Hinds; 5-foot-8 Audosha Kelly (23 ppg) of Region 23 champion Pearl River; and 6-foot Nakeya Downing (23 ppg) and 6-foot Tara Abdul-Hadi (15 ppg), both of Southwest.

"It's turned into a fantastic event," ECCC women's head coach Brad Hodge said after the games moved from Goodman to Choctaw where Silver Star Resort and Casino has become one of the event's sponsors.

"It's a lot of fun and is a good event for all of the players."

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ECCC women remount, reload

East Central Community College added five women and two men to its basketball teams for the 2003-04 season in a ceremony at the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on April 8.

by Marty Stamper

Women's signees include Kristin Chaney of Newton County, Kim Cox and Roxana Rogers of Lake, India Backstrom of Neshoba Central, and Kotreece Bender of Newton.

Signing with the men are Terrence Westerfield of Kemper County and Andrew Lewis of Morton.

Also expected to ink with the Lady Warriors are Amanda LaCaze of Natchitoches (La.) Central and Fran Boyd of St. Fredrick in Monroe, La.

Chaney, is a 5-foot-7 guard who played for coach Natalie Vance at Newton County. As a senior, Chaney averaged 13.5 points, 5.7 rebounds, 4.5 steals, and 3.2 assists as the Lady Cougars went 18-11.

As a senior, Chaney was named all-state, all-Division [illegible] and was selected to the ECCC all-tournament team.

Chaney will also sign a softball scholarship at ECCC.

Cox, a 5-foot-7 guard, started for Class 1A state semifinalist Lake. As a senior, she was named All-South State, was the Division 6-2A Most Valuable Player, and the Scott County Tournament MVP.

Cox is a three-time all-division and a three-time all-Scott County choice. She was a member of Lake's 2001 Class 1A state championship team.

Rogers, another 5-foot-7 guard, averaged 12.2 points, six rebounds, four assists, and four steals as Lake went 24-6 this winter under coach Bill Ingersoll.

Rogers was named to the 2003 1A All-State Tournament team and the all-South State Tournament team. She is a three-time all-division and a three-time all-Scott County selection. She was the Scott County MVP in 2001 and [illegible]

Chaney inks with ECCC

Newton County senior Kristin Chaney, seated center, signed a basketball scholarship with East Central Community College last week. With Chaney are, seated from left, parents Rickey and Brenda Chaney, and (standing) EC head women's coach Brad Hodge and assistant coach Betsy Harris. Photo by Marty Stamper.

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Boyd was honorable mention all-state as a senior. She was named to the all-Northeast Louisiana team and was a first-team all-district choice for the last three years.

Obviously, having players from winning programs is half the battle in attaining success at the junc level.

"All these come from good programs and good coaching," ECCC women's head coach Brad Hodge said. "They've been in the state quarterfinals or beyond. A lot of them have state championship rings.

"They're good kids and good students. They're not casualties of the academic side. They're going to fill a lot of holes of what we're missing.

"They're fortunate enough that they've got a good group of sophomores to follow their lead on.

"We're excited about having them."

ECCC men's coach Bill [illegible] also signed two players [illegible] proud of the two he got.

"We think we got two pretty good players," Smith said. "Hopefully, both can come in and either help us right away or hopefully down the road.

"Both seem to be outstanding young individuals that make pretty good grades. They both played on winning teams in the regular season.

"We're just looking for some bench help to come in help our sophomores for next year."

Westerfield, a 6-foot-2 guard, was all-Division 5-2A, all-state, all-South State, and the team MVP at Kemper County. The Wildcats [illegible] reached the Class 2A state tournament this year under coach Arthur Carter, losing to Ruleville Central in the quarterfinals.

Lewis, a 5-foot-11 point guard, helped Morton go 23-7 this winter under coach Steve Cannon. He was chosen MVP in the Scott County Tournament and was selected to the Division 6-3A all-

Backstrom averaged 17.9 points, 8.3 points, and 2.6 steals for coach Noah Hamilton at Neshoba Central as the Lady Rockets finished 16-14 after an 0-8 start.

Backstrom, a 5-foot-11 forward, was an all-Division 2-4A selection and was named to the ECCC all-tournament team.

Kotreece Bender, a 5-foot-10 guard/forward, helped the Newton Lady Tigers to a 25-11 season that saw coach Crandal Porter's squad reach the Class 2A state semifinals.

Bender averaged 20.8 points, 7.3 rebounds, and 5.4 assists. As a senior, she was chosen all-state in Class 2A, was the Division 5-2A MVP, was named to the ECCC all-tournament team, and has been selected for the Mississippi North/South All-Star Game in July.

LaCaze is a 5-foot-10 guard at Natchitoches Central, the same school that produced former ECCC standout Nikki LaCour.

As a senior, LaCaze averaged 20.5 points and 6.5 rebounds. She was a second-team all-state pick and was first team all-district and all-parrish. Her team was a state quarterfinalist in 2003.

Boyd is a 6-foot post from Monroe St. Fredrick. She averaged 14.5 points and 8.7

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WEEK OF April 14

ECCC All-Stars help lead South squads to victory

East Central Community College basketball standouts Corey Hornsby, Donzell Crenshaw and Tamekia Foley played key roles in leading their respective All-Star squads to victory in the annual MACJC All-Star Games held Friday night at Choctaw Central High School.

Hornsby, a product of Istrouma High School in Baton Rouge, La., had 13 points for the South squad, which outscored the North All-Stars 101-88. Crenshaw, of Ridgeway High School in Memphis, played one of his best defensive games and added two points.

Jason Scott of Copiah-Lincoln led the South with 23 points and received most valuable player honors. Other South point makers were Yandell Brown of Pearl River, 16; Jerimie Collier of Copiah-Lincoln, 12; Keesler Johnson of Pearl River, eight; Chris Moody and Davy Easterling, both of Gulf Coast, and Lee J. Kirkpatrick of Jones, six each; Grady Willis of Meridian Community College, five; and Willie Depron of Southwest and Mario Tyler of Hinds, two each.

Dennis Sims of Co-Lin served as head coach.

North scorers were Sandrell Spann of Holmes, 17; Tremechie Evans of East Mississippi and Jermaine Willis of Holmes, 15 each; Kelly Scarver of Mississippi Delta, 10; Roy Hazzle of Itawamba, six; Quintarrius Hodges of Mississippi Delta, five; Jason Dunn of Northwest, O'Brien Lowe of Itawamba and Taylor Rocker of Northeast, four each; Tamarius Brown and James Thomas, both of Coahoma, three each; and Marcus Avant of Northwest, two.

James Washington of Coahoma served as head coach.

The score was tied 41-41 at haltime.

Prior to the matchup, Jermaine Willis of Holmes won the slam-dunk competition.

In the women's game, Foley, a product of Newton County High School, had 10 points for the South, which rolled to an easy 90-67 win. Tinia Burns of Copiah-Lincoln was the leading scorer with 21 points and was chosen most valuable player. Other scorers were Adosha Kelly of Pearl River, 11; Shaquita Smith of Copiah-Lincoln, 10; Nakeya Downing of Southwest, eight; Myeisha Mingo of Gulf Coast and Colette Bartee of Jones, seven each; Jancsi Newsome of Pearl River and Monique Cowans of Gulf Coast, five each; Tara Abdul-Hadi of Southwest, four; and Shawana Coleman of Hinds, two.

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Winston signs with ECCC

By Jeff Byrd
sports editor

One of the top scoring guards in Lauderdale County is headed west to East Central Community College.

Dekino Winston of Northeast Lauderdale High School signed a National Letter of Intent on Wednesday with head coach Bill Smith's Warrior basketball program.

All parties, including Northeast Lauderdale head coach Lewis Lightsey, were pleased with the decision.

"I think Dekino is the best player we've had here at Northeast since Robert Ivy who's now playing in Division I (at Texas-San Antonio)," Ligthsey said.

Winston led the Trojans to back-to-back 20 win seasons which included the Trojans' first appearance at the State Basketball Tournament in nearly 30 years for the school.

"No question, taking them (the Trojans) to Jackson and the Coliseum, that was my biggest basketball accomplishment," Winston said. Northeast finished 22-13 and won the Division 5-4A Championship.

The Trojans then held on to beat Laurel in a first round game at home in overtime. They then defeated Pass Christian 58-57 in the consolation game at the South State 4A Tournament at St. Stanislaus in Bay St. Louis. Northeast played and lost to eventual 4A State champion Jackson Provine at the State 4A Tournament in Jackson.

"Our biggest win, though, was beating Mendenhall to make the playoffs," added Winston of the Trojans' upset of the State's No. 2 ranked team in the semifinals of the Division 5-4A Tournament at Northeast.

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OFF TO EAST CENTRAL

Northeast Lauderdale senior basketball player Dekino Winston signed a National Letter of Intent on Wednesday with East Central Community College. Pictured with Winston is his mother Bertha Winston, Northeast head coach Lewis Lightsey and East Central head coach Bill Smith.

"He's a guy who led his team to the State Tourname first time in 30 years," said Smith. "We've been keeping him for the past couple of years. We actually signed a p teammates off last year's team so he will have some faces to play with at East Central.

"I really feel he fits the bill for what we need."

East Central lost all five starters from a team that qua the Mississippi Community and Junior College's State ment last month.

In Winston, the Warriors get a combination-type guard excellent outside range on his jump shot. Winston avera points per game for the Trojans. He also dished off 5 as contest.

"Dekino is a player who can create his own shot. I Jamal Martin and Stephen Dyess on the East Central t both of those guys played with him here," Lightsey said

Winston is glad to be continuing his basketball caree

"East Central has a good coaching staff and I saw h played against MCC (Meridian Community College). T the same way we did here at Northeast. I hope to he out," Winston said.

Winston was joined by his mother Bertha Wintson. H to major in Computer Technology and Computer Repair.

Smith says Winston becomes his fourth in-state sign remainder of his recruiting class will come from out of s

"We're looking for post players," he said.

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WEEK OF April 21

Kim Cox, a standout basketball player at Lake High School, has signed a national letter of intent with East Central Community College in Decatur. Cox, a 5'7" guard, was selected most valuable player in the 2003 District and Scott County tournaments and was named to the 2003 All-South State Tournament Team. She is also a three-time recipient of All-Division and All-State honors. Cox helped lead Lake to the 2001 state championship and was named to the All-State Tournament Team. The new Lady Warrior is shown during a recent signing ceremony at ECCC with her parents, Grover and Margaret Cox of Lake, and (standing from left) Brad Hodge, ECCC Lady Warrior head coach; Bill Ingersoll, Lake girls head basketball coach; and Betsy Harris, ECCC Lady Warrior assistant

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Photos by Travis Mitchell and Chris Allen Baker

Headed to the next level ...

A pair of local standouts are scheduled to continue their career at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba, while another is headed to Decatur to play for East Central Community College.

EMCC coach Dale Peay has picked up a national letter-of-intent from Willa Thomas of Choctaw Central and Krystal Wells of Neshoba Central. Thomas played in all 37 games and helped the Lady Warriors go 28-9 and advance to the Class 3A Girls State Tournament semi-finals last month.

She was second on the squad with 11.9 points per game. She led the team in steals (4.1) and assists (4.0), was third in rebounding (5.7) and also had 14 blocked shots.

Thomas is shown seated at right with her parents, William and Diana, with Choctaw coach Walter Wilson and Peay standing in the background.

Wells played in 27 games for the Lady Rockets, who started 0-8 but finished 16-14, just missing the playoffs.

Wells was second on the team in scoring (14.4 points per game) and assists (2.6 per game), and she led the team with 3.0 steals per outing. She also averaged 3.1 rebounds and had 10 blocked shots. Wells is shown seated above right with her mother, Elois. Standing in back (from left) is EMCC assistant coach Sharon Thompson, Neshoba Central head coach Noah Hamilton and Peay.

Headed to East Central is Neshoba's India Backstrom, The Neshoba Democrat's Player of the Year after averaging team-highs of 17.9 points and 8.3 rebounds per contest.

Backstrom also averaged 2.6 steals and had a team-high 14 blocked shots.

She is shown seated above with her mom, Brenda Backstrom, while in back are East

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Roxana Rogers, a standout basketball player at Lake High School, has signed a national letter of intent with East Central Community College in Decatur. Rogers, a 5'7" guard, averaged 12.2 points, six rebounds, four assists and four steals for the Lady Hornets in 2002-03 and received various honors throughout her high school career. She is a three-time All-District and All-Scott County award recipient and was selected on the All-State and All-South State Tournament squads. She also helped lead the Lady Hornets to the 2001 state championship and the same year was selected on the All-State Tournament Team and was Scott County MVP. The new Lady Warrior is shown during a recent signing ceremony at ECCC with her mother, Helen Rogers, and (standing from left) Brad Hodge, ECCC Lady Warrior head coach; Bill Ingersoll, Lake girls head basketball coach; and Betsy Harris, ECCC Lady Warrior assistant.

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NEW LADY WARRIOR

Newton County High School basketball standout Kotrece Bender recently signed to play for the Lady Warriors of East Central Community College next season. She is shown during a recent signing ceremony at ECCC with her mother, Evelyn Bender, a former ECCC basketball standout and Athletic Hall of Fame member; and (standing from left) Brad Hodge, ECCC Lady Warrior head coach; Crandall Porter, Newton girls' head basketball coach; and Betsy Harris, ECCC Lady Warrior assistant.

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WEEK OF April 25

Lady Warriors sign seven

East Central Community College women's basketball coaches Brad Hodge and Betsy Harris had a successful signing period, especially on paper.

Among those committed to playing for the Lady Warriors next season is Newton High School standout Kotrane Bender. She is the daughter of ECCC Hall-of-Famer Evelyn Bender.

The Younger Bender, a 5-foot-10 forward, averaged 20.9 points and 7.3 rebounds for the Lady Tigers and was named All-State and All-District MVP. She was also tapped for the All-State Tournament Team and was named to the ECCC All-Tournament Team. She will participate in the Mississippi North/South All-Star Games scheduled for July.

Joining Bender among ECCC signees are Kristin Chaney of Newton County High School, Kim Cox and Romana Rogers of Lake High School, India Backstrom of Neshoba Central High School, Amanda LaCaze of Natchitoches Central (La.) and Fran Boyd of St. Frederick High School of Monroe, La.

Chaney averaged 11.5 points , 5.7 rebounds, 4.5 steals and 3.2 assists per game for the Lady Cougars last season. She was also named All-State, All-District and to the ECCC All-Tournament team.

Cox, a 5-foot-7 guard, was named to the All-South State Tournament Team, as well as the MVP of the District Tournament and the Scott County Tournament. She is also a three-time All-Division and All-Scott County selection.

Rogers averaged 12.2 points, six rebounds, four assists and four steals per game for the Lady Hornets. She was named to the All-State and All-South State teams and as three time All-District and All-Scott County choice.

Backstrom averaged 18.2 points and 9.2 rebounds per game for the Lady Rockets.

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Dougherty signs with East Central ...

Choctaw Central basketball standout Shaun Dougherty has signed to play next season with East Central Community College. Dougherty, a 5-foot-11 guard, averaged team-highs of 20.7 points, 6.3 rebounds and 2.9 steals per contest in helping the Warriors go 28-7 on their way to the Class 3A South State championship and state semifinals. He also had a team-high 34 blocked shots and his 2.3 assists were second on the team. Dougherty, who is shown seated above with his mother, Judy Gibson and ECCC head coach Bill Smith, was also chosen as The Neshoba Democrat's Player of the Year. Standing in back(from left) is Choctaw Central coach Scott Thomas, Choctaw athletic director Walter Wilson and Choctaw principal Randy Hodges.

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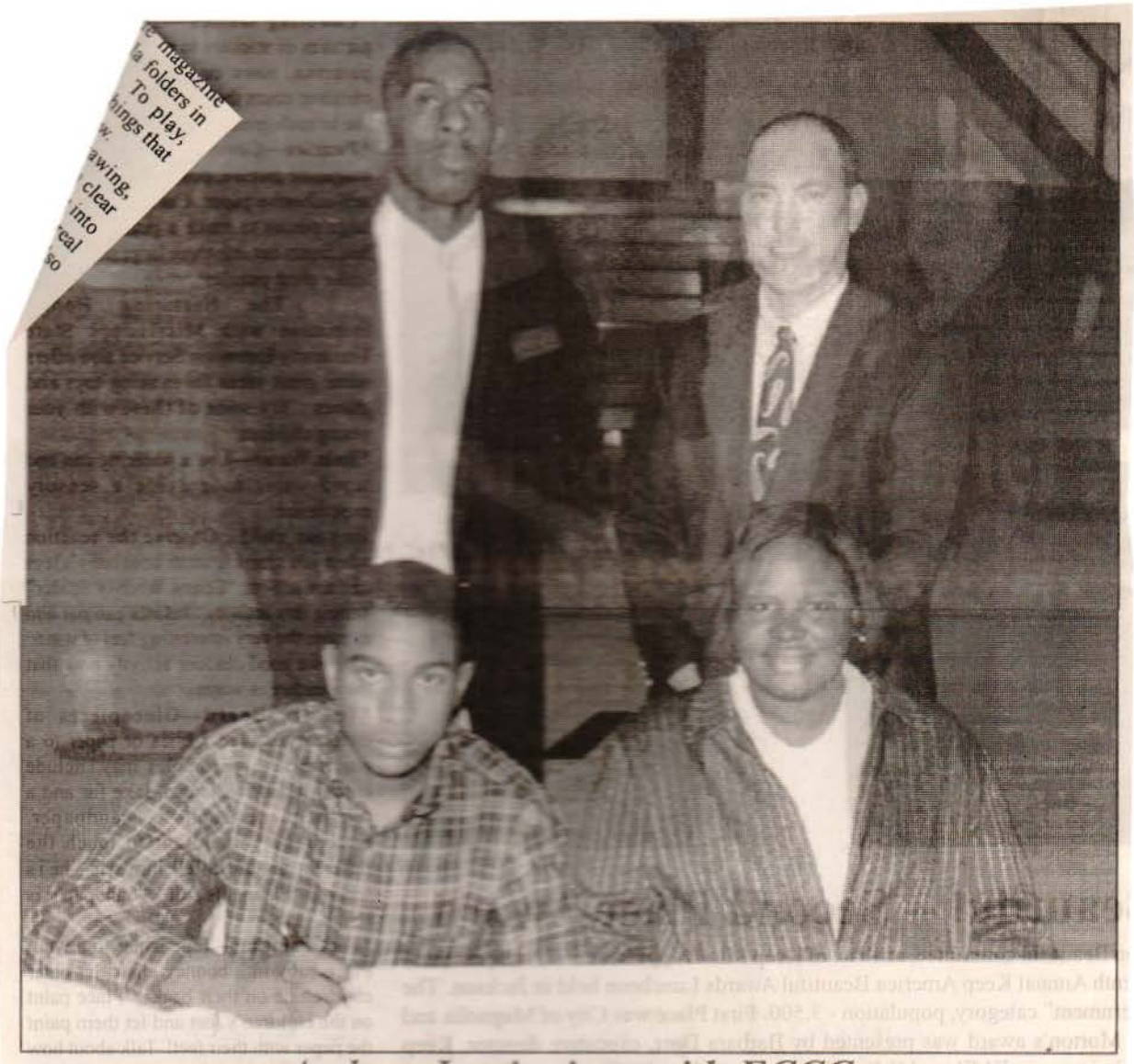

Andrew Lewis signs with ECCC

Andrew Lewis, a standout basketball player at Morton High School, has signed a national letter of intent with East Central Community College in Decatur. Lewis, 5'11" point guard, was named All-District and All-County and was selected most valuable player in the Scott County Tournament. The new Warrior is shown during a recent signing ceremony at ECCC with his mother, Wanda Watson, and (standing from left) Derrick Fears, ECCC assistant men's basketball coach, and Billy Smith, ECCC men's head basketball coach. (EC Photo)

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EAST CENTRAL ALL-STARS

Three East Central Community College All-Star basketball players are shown with their respective coaches prior to the annual MACJC Games held in April at Choctaw Central High School. From left are ECCC head women's coach Brad Hodge, Tamekia Foley, Corey Hornsby, Donzell Crenshaw, and ECCC men's head coach Bill Smith . Foley had 10 points in helping lead the South women to an easy 90-67 win, and Hornsby pumped in 13 points as the South men rolled to a 101-88 victory. Crenshaw added two points and was one of his team's defensive standouts.

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WEEK OF May 12

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NEW LADY WARRIOR

Roxana Rogers, a standout basketball player at Lake High School, has signed a national letter of intent with East Central Community College in Decatur. Rogers, a 5,7‰ guard, averaged 12.2 points, six rebounds, four assists and four steals for the Lady Hornets in 2002-03 and received various honors throughout her high school career. She is a three-time All-District and All-Scott County award recipient and was selected on the All-State and All-South State Tournament squads. She also helped lead the Lady Hornets to the 2001 state championship and the same year was selected on the All-State Tournament Team and was Scott County MVP. The new Lady Warrior is shown during a recent signing ceremony at ECCC with her mother, Helen Rogers, and (standing from left) Brad Hodge, ECCC Lady Warrior head coach; Bill Ingersoll, Lake girls head basketball coach; and Betsy Harris, ECCC Lady Warrior assistant.

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WEEK OF May 19

Tamekia Foley of Hickory, a two-year standout on the East Central Community College women's basketball team, has signed a national letter of intent to continue her athletic career at Belhaven College in Jackson. Foley, a 5'10" guard/forward, averaged 12.4 points and five rebounds for the Lady Warriors who finished season action with a 15-11 mark. She was named first team All-State and All-Star following the 2002-03 campaign. The Newton County High School product is shown during a recent signing ceremony with her mother, Annie Broach, and (standing from left) Brad Hodge, Lady Warrior head coach, and Billy Evans, women's basketball coach at Belhaven. (EC Photo)

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ECCC SIGNS ANOTHER BASKETBALL PLAYER

Kim Cox, a standout basketball player at Lake High School, has signed a national letter of intent with East Central Community College in Decatur. Cox, a 5-foot-7 guard, was selected most valuable player in the 2003 District and Scott County tournaments and was named to the 2003 All-South State Tournament Team. She is also a three-time recipient of All-Division and All-State honors. Cox helped lead Lake to the 2001 state championship and was named to the All-State Tournament Team. The new Lady Warrior is shown during a recent signing ceremony at ECCC with her parents, Grover and Margaret Cox of Lake, and (standing from left) Brad Hodge, ECCC Lady Warrior head coach; Bill Ingersoll, Lake girls head basketball coach; and Betsy Harris, ECCC Lady Warrior assistant.

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WEEK OF May 26

ECCC Basketball Player Awards

These members of the East Central Community College men's basketball team received honors at the annual Spring Sports Awards Banquet held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. From left are guard Dewayne Hughes of Sebastopol, who was named most improved, and forward Brandon Mason of Baton Rouge, La., selected "Newcomer of the Year." Not pictured is guard Kevin Bobbitt of Lake, who received the Warrior Award but was activated for military duty and unable to attend the banquet. Coach Billy Smith presented the awards. The Warriors completed season action with a 14-11 mark.

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WEEK OF May 26

These members of the East Central Community College women's basketball team received awards at the annual Spring Sports Awards Banquet held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Seated from left are guard Rita Birden, a product of St. Fedrick High School in Monroe, La., team captain and best defender; guard Britney Burks of Scott Central, Warrior Award; and guard Patsy McKee of Forest, team captain and most improved. Standing from left are guard/forward Tamekia Foley of Newton County, team captain, best offensive player and All-State; guard/forward Kimyatta Viverette of Lake, "Newcomer of the Year"; and forward Miranda Rosar of Neshoba Central, best rebounder. Coach Brad Hodge presented the awards. The Lady Warriors posted a 15-11 mark during the 2002-03 campaign.

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WEEK OF June 2

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HEADED TO BELHAVEN

Tamekia Foley of Hickory, a two-year standout on the East Central Community College women's basketball team, has signed a national letter of intent to continue her athletic career at Belhaven College in Jackson. Foley, a 5-foot-10 guard/forward, averaged 12.4 points and five rebounds for the Lady Warriors who finished the season at 15-11. She was named first team All-State and All-Star following the 2002-03 campaign. The Newton County High School product is shown during a recent signing ceremony with her mother, Annie Broach, and (standing from left) ECCC head coach Brad Hodge and Belhaven coach Billy Evans.

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LOCAL SPORTS

ECCC men, women to open hoops season

From school reports

Oct. 30, 2003

DECATUR — Basketball season tips-off Saturday for the East Central Community College Lady Warriors and Warriors who face squads from Itawamba Community College at 1 p.m. and 2:45 p.m., respectively, in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

The Lady Warriors, led by third-year head coach Brad Hodge, feature four starters among the eight returnees from last year's 15-11 squad, which landed berths in the MACJC and Region 23 tournaments.

Rita Birden, a 5-foot-10 guard from St. Fredrick High School in Monroe, La., is the top returning scorer with 12 points per game. Other top point makers are 6-foot guard/forward Kimyatta Viverette of Lake and 6-foot-1 forward Lenore Gray of Newton, who each averaged nine points per contest,.

Hodge said his sophomores are the key to success.

"The strength of this year's team has to start with our experience and leadership," Hodge said. "'The sophomores have done an outstanding job of leading the freshman class on what to expect and the work ethic required."

Hodge said his freshmen will also be called on to contribute early.

"The depth of this team will definitely be a positive factor," Hodge said. "Many of our entering freshmen will be competing for a starting position immediately. And thanks to our talented group of freshmen and sophomores, this could possibility be the deepest team talent-wise we have had in many years."

Hodge said goals for this year's team are the same as in the past.

"First, win enough games to be in the top four of division play in order to qualify for the state tournament," Hodge said. "Second, be in the top seven of the state and qualify for the region tournament. Then, we would like to be peaking around tournament time, have a few lucky breaks, and put ourselves in

position to possibly win the tournaments. Ultimately, we would like to qualify for the national tournament in Salina, Kan. However, with the quality of teams in our league and division, it is unfortunate that only one team gets to participate. But, that is basketball — the team that plays well at the right time and gets a few breaks, comes out alive."

Coach Billy Smith is also in his third year leading the Warriors, who last year advanced to the state and region tournaments for the first time in eight years en route to a 15-12 record. Smith feels this year's team will be "hard-pressed" to repeat the success of 2003, mainly because of a lack of experience.

He has only two returnees from last year's squad who saw a lot of playing time — Desmond Jones, a 6-foot-2 forward from Neshoba Central, and Dewayne Hughes, a 5-foot-9 guard from Sebastopol.

"These guys will be called on to handle most of the scoring," Smith said.

Other returnees are guards Al Willis of Newton County, and Stephen Dyess and Jamaal Martin, both of Northeast Lauderdale. Other sophomores are guard Tellas Burnside of Philadelphia and forward Tobios Darden of Lafayette, Ala.

Freshmen are forwards Neil Tadlock of Lake, Gerrick Nichols of Thomastown, Lorenzo White of Quitman, Ryan Hudson of Louisville, and guards Andrew Lewis of Morton and Shaun Daugherty of Choctaw Central.

For the Warriors to succeed, Smith said his team needs to be more aggressive on both ends of the court.

"For us to have a chance against some of the better teams on our schedule, we will need to press and run the floor a lot more than last year," Smith said.

He said the freshmen will also play a major role in his team's success.

"We will need for our freshmen to come in and contribute as quickly as possible," Smith said. "We have been trying to get them to understand the difference between high school and community college basketball."

Regarding preparations for the season opener, Smith said, "Our team has been practicing hard and they should be ready to start playing against someone other than ourselves. We will get a taste of how good we can be right out of the gate as Itawamba and Delta are two good teams coming in here early."

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LOCAL SPORTS

ECCC shut out in final game

By Marty Stamper / EMG sports assistant

Oct. 31, 2003

DECATUR — Even in bad seasons, of which there have been many over the years, you could usually count on the East Central Community College Warriors to give a good effort on the football field.

And that was true for the 2003 team until Thursday's 24-0 MACJC South Division loss to Southwest Mississippi.

"We didn't come out ready to play," ECCC head coach Terry Underwood said. "It was embarrassing to me. It was embarrassing for our kids and for our program.

"We just got a good old-fashioned butt-kicking and there's really not much to say about it.

"Southwest has got a good team and I salute them and give them credit. Our kids didn't come out and play well and I take full responsibility, but the bottom line is we've always competed and we didn't compete tonight. That bothers me more than losing.

"It was not a good year for us. Hopefully, we can have a good recruiting year and try to correct all the things that we didn't do well this year."

The Warriors finished 2-7 overall and at best tied for the cellar in the South Division at 1-5. Southwest closed 5-4 and 3-3.

Rod Allen started the game at quarterback in place of Terrell Robinson and the Warriors went three-and-out on their first three possessions.

"He got hurt and part of it was discipline too," Underwood said of Robinson's lack of play until the final minutes of the first half.

The Bears took a 7-0 lead with 2:15 left in the first quarter when Reggie Lindsey completed a 37-yard scoring strike to Alvin Winters between a pair of Warrior defenders in the back of the end zone. Royce Fonte added the extra point.

On the 53-yard drive, the Bears overcame two holding penalties and another for illegal procedure. ECCC drew a 15-yard penalty for a hit out of bounds following a 10-yard run by Joseph Tobias.

ECCC had the ball deep in Southwest territory in the second quarter only to have Germaine Smith lose a fumble at the 26.

A 28-yard run by Kenshay Hunter led to a 46-yard field goal try by Mitch Myers with 5:09 left before halftime, but the freshman's kick sailed right of the upright.

The Bears barely beat the clock to double their lead before halftime.

Lindsey rolled right, then threw a 16-yard scoring strike to Scottie Reddix with 10.6 seconds left in the half. Fonte's kick gave the Bears a 14-0 lead.

ECCC threatened late in the third quarter and had second-and-four at the Southwest 30-yard line. One play later, both benches emptied in a brawl. All of ECCC's players except Ken Shields and Cedric Love left the bench. No players from either team were ejected, however.

After order was restored, Myers was wide left on a 47-yard field goal attempt.

ECCC's Mantrell Ashford and Lee Fairchilds were both later ejected for separate incidents.

Between the ejections, Southwest extended its lead to 21-0 on a 66-yard pass from Lindsey to Reddix, who caught the pass despite being held near the ECCC 30. Reddix then pulled away and raced to the end zone.

Southwest tacked on a 32-yard field goal by Fonte with 8:23 left in the game to take a 24-0 lead.

The Warriors reached the Southwest 16 late in the game only to turn the ball over on downs.

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WEEK OF Nov.

East Central women improve to 3-0

By ROCKY HIGGINBOTHAM
Sports Editor

A red-hot bunch of Lady Warriors from East Central Community College knocked down eight 3-pointers in the first half alone last Thursday night at Scooba, propelling themselves to a 90-57 victory that kept them undefeated on the young season.

East Central's women, who also beat visiting Mississippi Delta last Monday night at home, are now 3-0 on the season, while ECCC's men are 1-2 after falling to both Delta and EMCC.

ECCC was slated to host Holmes Monday, and the EC women will go to Shelton (Ala.) State Saturday before both East Central teams head to Holmes next Monday (Nov. 18).

• **East Central women:** The eight 3-pointers helped turn an early deficit into a 50-33 lead for the Lady Warriors last Thursday night at East Mississippi Community College.

ECCC coach Brad Hodge called it one of the best shooting performances he'd seen, and it helped the Lady Warriors hand an injury-ridden EMCC squad its first loss after two wins.

Kristen Chaney and Lenore Gray pumped in 20 points apiece to lead the Lady Warriors, while Monique Overstreet scored 14 points.

Former Neshoba Central stars Miranda Rosar and India Backstrom had seven and six points, respectively.

Last Monday at home against Delta, the EC ladies won 66-63 behind 18 points from Kimyatta Viverette.

Amanda LaCaze added 14 points in that win, while Roxana Rogers and Britney Burks chipped in with six points each. Jazmin Cain had a game-high 18 for the Lady Trojans.

• **East Central men:** The Warriors let one get away at Scooba last Thursday, as homestanding East Mississippi finished the game on a 15-2 run to knock off ECCC.

The host Lions were 8-of-8 from the free-throw line during the final two minutes and got a game-high 23 points from Phillip Lockhart.

East Central lost despite 16 points from Dewayne Hughes and 12 from former Neshoba Central standout Desmond Jones. Jamaal Martin chipped in 11, while freshman Shaun Dougherty of Choctaw Central was part of a balanced scoring attack with five points.

The Warriors were 83-80 losers to Delta last Monday, despite 17 points apiece from Hughes and Jones and 10 points each from Al Willis and Neil Tadlock. Neshoba product Tawon Walker had six points in that loss.

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WEEK OF Nov 3

EMCC takes win over ECCC

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

JUCO HOOPS

SCOOBA — East Mississippi Community College's Lions outscored East Central Community College 15-2 over the final 3:46 to take a 92-83 win over the Warriors Thursday night at Keyes Currie Coliseum.

The win was EMCC's first after two losses. ECCC fell to 1-2.

ECCC led 70-58 with 9:28 remaining after Jamaal Martin, Shaun Dougherty, and Tawon Walker each hit a 3-point basket.

Chris Davis hit a pair of treys and Joseph Collins had six points as the Lions rallied to within 77-75 with 5:21 left.

The Lions took their first lead since 21-20 when Collins connected on a baby hook with 2:15 showing for an 82-81 advantage.

EMCC made all eight of its free throws during the final 1:47 to get its first win.

"We were down so much, I was afraid we were going to do the old get back and lose it, but we just kept pressing and we hit free throws," EMCC head coach Clay Armstrong said. "Somehow we hit some shots and found a way to win.

"It was good to get that monkey off. The longer you go, the harder it is to get it off. It feels good to get this first win out of the way."

Phillip Lockhart led EMCC with 23 points. Collins scored 18, Calvin Moore tossed in 13, Marcus Houston had 10, Davis eight, and Boo Ramsey seven.

ECCC women	**90**
EMCC	**57**

Hot shooting from 3-point range in the first half enabled the Lady Warriors to erase a six-point deficit and turn it into a 50-33 halftime lead. ECCC had eight treys in the first half.

"That was probably one of the best shooting performances I've seen since I've been a head coach," ECCC head coach Brad Hodge said. "They got after us really hard and attacked our press good and they pressed us. We didn't handle their press at all early, but once we settled down and weathered the storm and hit a couple and got loose, they put on a shooting performance.

"It helps knowing we've got that potential, but we also shot 30 percent our first two games. We can go either way."

"With seven minutes to go, we're up 31-30 and we're playing as hard as we can play and playing well," EMCC coach Dale Peay said. "We have turnovers and they hit about four 3s and outscore us 20-2 the rest of the half.

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WEEK OF 11/3/03

ECCC splits with MDCC

The East Central Community College women's basketball team picked up its second win of the season against Mississippi Delta Community College, while the ECCC men's team fell to the MDCC men on Monday.

The Lady Warriors (2-0) won their contest 66-63 over the Lady Trojans (0-1), and the Warriors (1-1) fell 83-80 to the Trojans (1-0).

Kimyatta Viverette led the way for the ECCC women's team with 18 points, and Amanda LaCaze added 14. Roxana Rogers and Britney Burks each scored six for the Lady Warriors.

Jazmin Cain scored a team-high 18 points for MDCC, and Vancherricks Mitchell added 16.

Dewayne Hughes and Desmond Jones each scored 17 points for the ECCC men's team, and Al Willis and Neil Tadlock each added 10 for the Warriors.

Kedrick Johnson scored a game-high 23 points for the Trojans, and Dustin Richmond and Tymothe Edwards added 14 and 13, respectively.

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ECCC Warriors & Lady Warriors

Members of the East Central Community College Warrior Basketball Team for the 2003-04 season and their respective high schools include (front row, from left) Joe Agee, Heidelberg and Brent Blackwell, Nanih Waiya; (second row, from left) Andrew Lewis, Morton; Lorenzo White, Quitman; Tawon Walker, Neshoba Central; student assistant Matt Woodard; head coach Bill Smith; student assistant Corey Burt, Neshoba Central; Gerrick Nichols, Thomastown; Al Willis, Newton County; and Tellas Burnside, Philadelphia; and (back row, from left) Jamaal Martin, Northeast Lauderdale; Shaun Dougherty, Choctaw Central; Stephen Dyess, Northeast Lauderdale; Ryan Hudson, Louisville; Tobios Darden, Lafayette (Lafayette, Ala.); Neil Tadlock, Lake; Desmond Jones, Neshoba Central; De'Kenno Winston, Northeast Lauderdale; and Dewayne Hughes, Sebastopol. Not pictured is assistant coach Kevin McGhee. The Warriors and Lady Warriors began season action against the Itawamba Indians last Saturday in Decatur. (EC Photo)

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Members of the East Central Community College Lady Warrior Basketball Team for the 2003-04 season and their respective high schools include (front row, from left) Kimyatta Viverette, Lake; Kristin Chaney, Newton County; Roxana Rogers, Lake; Ebone'e Leverett, Forest; Kim Cox, Lake; Lenore Gray, Newton; Monique Overstreet, South Leake; Britney Burks, Scott Central; and Kotreece Bender, Newton; and (back row, from left) head coach Brad Hodge; student assistants Courtney Yates of Nanih Waiya and Ashley Clark of Starkville Academy; LaSaundra Harrison, Union; Rita Birden, St. Fredrick (Monroe, La.); India Backstrom, Neshoba Central; Amanda LaCaze, Natchitoches Central (Natchitoches, La.); Hope Murray, West Jones; Miranda Rosar, Neshoba Central; Krystle Hunter, Noxapater; student assistants Andrea Chesney of Newton County Academy and Tanisha Hawkins of Newton County; and assistant coach Lacole Brooks. The Warriors and Lady Warriors began season action against the Itawamba Indians on Saturday, November 1.

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WEEK OF Nov 3

ECCC Lady Warriors Nip Delta 66-63; Warriors Fall 83-80

DECATUR--Roxana Rogers' three-point shot with 1:15 remaining put the East Central Community College women in the lead for good and the Lady Warriors held on for a 66-63 win over visiting Mississippi Delta Community College Monday night in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. The Lady Warriors improved to 2-0 under third-year head coach Brad Hodge following the non-divisional victory. Kimyatta Viverette of Lake led East Central in scoring with 18 points. Her free throw with 14 seconds left also gave the Lady Warriors a three-point lead and their margin of victory. Other scorers were Amanda LaCaze, 14, of Natchitoches (La.) Central; Britney Burks of Scott Central and Rogers, a Lake product, six each; Kristen Chaney, five, of Newton County; Ebone'e Leverette of Forest and Kotreece Bender of Newton, four each; Miranda Roser, three, of Neshoba Central; and Kim Cox of Lake, Lenore Gray of Newton and India Backstrom of Neshoba Central, two each. Vancherricka Mitchell of Cleveland led Delta (0-1)with 16 points. EC held a 37-30 advantage at halftime. In the men's game, Tellas Burnside's three-point shot at the buzzer missed the mark and the Trojans escaped with an 83-80 decision. The loss dropped EC to 1-1 under third-year head coach Billy Smith. The Warriors were led in scoring by Dewayne Hughes of Sebastopol and Desmond Jones of Neshoba Central, who each had 17 points. Other scorers included Al Willis of Newton County and Neil Tadlock of Lake, 10 each; Tawon Walker, six, of Neshoba Central; Stephen Dyess of Northeast Lauderdale and Burnside, a product of Philadelphia High School, five each; Jamaal Martin, four, of Northeast Lauderdale; and Ryan Hudson of Louisville, Andrew Lewis of Morton and Tabios Darden of Lafayette, La., two each. Kedrick Johnson of Greenwood led Delta (1-0) with 23 points. The Trojans had a 42-41 lead at the break. East Central teams travel to East Mississippi Community College on Thursday, November 6 and return home to host Holmes Community College on Monday, November 10.

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ECCC honors women who played for the love of the ga

by Marty Stamper

A long time ago, in a land before there was Title IX, women's basketball didn't exist for fame or fortune. The athletes didn't even receive scholarships.

Or something as simple as letters signifying that they had in fact played college sports for their school.

They wore homemade uniforms and furnished their own socks and shoes and paid for their own meals on road trips.

What those ladies did play for was their great love of the game.

East Central Community College honored its women's basketball players from 1956-75 during homecoming ceremonies in October by presenting them with the EC letters indicating what they accomplished during their time here.

Former ECJC (as it was then known) coach Lucille Wood, still a member of the school's staff and holder of more state championships than any other coach in the school's 75-year history, gladly handed out the long overdue letters to her former players.

At the time they played, none of the women thought about why the men received letters for playing sports and the women didn't.

"I never did think about it," said Louisville's Patsy Dunigan Clark, a member of the 1960 team. "We did it because we enjoyed it. Miss Wood was an inspiration to all of us, not only in the sports, but every area of campus life. It was something we'll never forget.

"We appreciate the letters, but the experience was the rewarding thing."

"It didn't really cross our mind that much," Deborah Norwood Duncan of Philadelphia said. "Occasionally, you thought about the guys got this and that, but we played because we loved it."

Not that there weren't some advantages because of those conditions.

"There wasn't the pressure the kids have now to have to perform," Duncan said. "We just had more camaraderie than those kids that are on scholarships.

"Who could forget that old gym and what it was like to play there. I can still hear the echoes in that old place.

"It means a great deal," Duncan said after getting her black and gold 'EC'. "Lucille is such a wonderful person. She's always supported women's athletics in the state of Mississippi.

"You can't imagine the accomplishments she's had over the years. To be remembered and see old friends and teammates is just one of those great times that I'll always look back on and remember the rest of my life."

Rita Gibbon returned from Birmingham, Ala., to receive her letter. ECJC didn't even have a women's basketball team her freshman year.

"I only played one year. We didn't have a girls' team in '72, so I played tennis," Gibbon said. "We had a girls' team in '73 and we won the state championship and we were excited. We played 11 games that year. It was a lot of fun.

"We absolutely played for the love of it. It would have been nice (to have scholarships). In retrospect, I guess we do feel a little slighted, but at the time, it was just the joy and love of the game."

Other ECJC players over the years include LSU women's basketball coach Sue Gunter, Meridian Community College tennis coach Wanda Blackwell McPhail, and current Warren Central softball and former soccer coach Lucy Young.

"It was such a real good turnout," Wood said. "Most of the outstanding ones were here. So many of them were good players and good students and good people. I was fortunate. They played for nothing and I coached for nothing.

"It was a big day."

The MACJC dropped women's basketball as a sanctioned sport in 1954. A few years after Wood joined the ECJC staff, she organized a club team and traveled the state playing other club teams.

In 1968, ECJC hosted the first women's state tournament with Hinds, Gulf Coast, and Mississippi State College for Women (now Mississippi University for Women) competing. ECJC won the tournament.

The 1970 ECJC team also won a state championship.

In 1973, ECJC won yet another state title, beating H finals. Amazingly, the won with a basketb from Neshoba Central as ECJC did not own a ketball... only ones fit education use.

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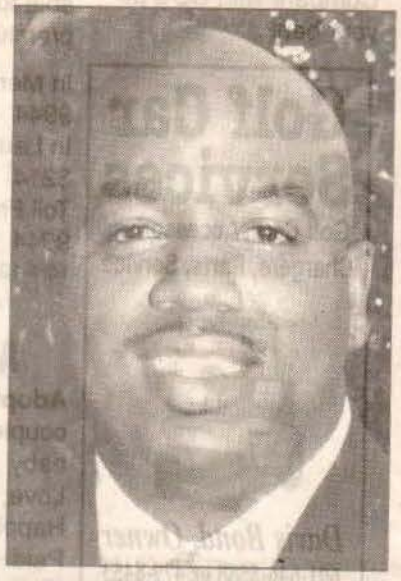
East Central taps new assistant basketball coach



Kevin McGhee

Kevin McGhee of Memphis, TN, was recently selected men's assistant basketball coach at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Warrior head coach Billy Smith.

McGhee, 32, brings several years' coaching experience to his new position. He is a former boys' basketball assistant at St. Mary High School in Paducah, Kentucky, where he helped lead the 2000-01 team to the State Class A Regional Championship and a berth in the Final Four. He is also a former boys' basketball assistant at Graves County High School in Mayfield, Kentucky, which won regional and district titles in 1999-2000 and advanced to the Sweet Sixteen State Tournament.

In addition, McGhee has accumulated coaching experience at various basketball camps on the collegiate level, serving with coaches Travis Ford at Eastern Kentucky University, "Tubby" Smith at the University of Kentucky and Mike Sutton at Tennessee Tech University.

McGhee also officiates basketball games, and served the past year on the collegiate level in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. He has served as a high school referee the past 10 years.

McGhee is a former basketball standout at Lemoyne-Owen College in Memphis and at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He also had a stellar career at Frayser High School in Memphis.

He is a member of World Overcomers Outreach Ministries in Memphis. McGhee is currently pursuing bachelor degrees in history and math with an emphasis in education.

His parents are Melvin and Yvonne McGhee of Memphis.

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WEEK OF Nov 3

East Central basketball teams open new season with sweep

From combined reports

The basketball teams at East Central Community College got their 2003-04 seasons off to a good start with a sweep of visiting Itawamba last Saturday.

ECCC's women rallied to win the first game 76-67, then the Warriors took a 67-63 win in the men's game.

East Central was to host Mississippi Delta Monday and will visit East Mississippi Community College in Scooba Thursday at 6 p.m. ECCC is back a home next Monday (Nov. 10) to entertain Holmes.

In last Saturday's men's game, the Warriors started with a 13-2 run and were up 32-27 at halftime. Itawamba took the lead early in the second half, but back-to-back 3-pointers from Jamaal Martin put EC back on top for good.

"It was a typical first game with a lot of mental mistakes and a lot of turnovers," ECCC coach Billy Smith said. "But I thought my guys hustled real hard and hit some key free throws at the end."

Martin finished with 12 points, while Dewayne Hughes led the Warriors with 17. Al Willis scored 10, while former Philadelphia standout Tellas Burnside and Neil Tadlock had nine apiece.

In the women's game, ECCC finished with a 16-4 run to knock off the Lady Indians.

"We played at their pace for a long time, but we'll take (the win)," ECCC coach Brad Hodge said.

Lenore Gray scored 12 points during the run and finished with a game-high 18 to lead the Lady Warriors, while Monique Overstreet and Kotreece Bender had 10 apiece. Neshoba product Miranda Rosar scored six points.

Shera Edwards led Itawamba with 17.

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East Central's Andrew Lewis gets tangled up with an Itawamba defender.

ROBBIE ROBERTSON/THE NEWTON RECORD

East Central's Lenore Gray puts a shot back up against Itawamba Saturday.

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WEEK OF Nov. 10

ECCC women starting strong

■ Lady Warriors roll over EMCC, Holmes to move to 4-0.

Special to the Record

East Central Community College's women improved to 4-0 on the young season following their 78-70 win over visiting Holmes Community College Monday night in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Kotreece Bender of Newton poured in 18 points to lead the Lady Warriors.

Also scoring in double figures were Kimyatta Viverette of Lake and Lenore Gray of Newton with 13 each; Kristen Chaney of Newton County with 11 and Britney Burks of Scott Central with 10.

LaTrice Rone of Lake Village, Ark., pumped in 24 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs who evened their record at 2-2.

East Central held a 44-33 advantage at halftime.

In men's action, the Warriors dropped an 82-69 decision to the Holmes Bulldogs.

ROBBIE ROBERTSON/ THE NEWTON RECORD

East Central's Amanda LaCraze takes a shot against Itawamba in the season opener. The East Central women stand at 4-0 on the season after beating Holmes Monday night.

Tobios Darden of Lafayette, La., had 16 points to lead East Central, whose record stands at 1-3. Other point makers were Jamaal Martin of Northeast Lauderdale and Andrew Lewis of Morton, 10 each.

Kendall Granderson of Yazoo City had 25 points to lead the Bulldogs, who improved to 2-1.

Both EC squads will take the night off Thursday. The Lady Warriors travel to Shelton State for a 2 p.m. contest Saturday in Tuscaloosa. The ECCC women and men will journey to Goodman on Tuesday, Nov. 18 for another matchup with Holmes.

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Lenore Gray of Newton and Kristin Chaney of Newton County scored 20 points each and led the East Central Community College Lady Warriors to an easy 90-57 win over East Mississippi Community College's Lady Lions Thursday night on the Scooba campus.

Also scoring for the Lady Warriors, who improved to 3-0 on the young season, were Monique Overstreet of South Leake, 14; Miranda Rosar of Neshoba Central and Roxana Rogers of Lake, seven each; Kim Cox of Lake and India Backstrom of Neshoba Central, six each. East Central recorded 11 three-pointers in the easy victory over the Lady Lions, who fell to 2-1.

The Lady Warriors held a 50-33 advantage at the break.

In men's action, the Warriors were outscored 92-83 and fell to 1-2 on the season, while East Mississippi improved to 2-1.

Dewayne Hughes of Sebastopol led East Central with 16 points.

Other point makers were Desmond Jones of Neshoba Central, 12; Jamaal Martin of Northeast Lauderdale, 11; Neil Tadlock of Lake and Al Willis of Newton County, eight each; Ryan Hudson of Louisville, seven; Stephen Dyess of Northeast Lauderdale, six; Shaun Daugherty of Choctaw Central, five; Tawon Walker of Neshoba Central and Tobios Darden of Lafayette, Ala., three each; and Andrew Lewis of Morton and Lorenzo White of Quitman, two each.

East Central led 44-37 at halftime.

The Lady Warriors travel to Shelton State for a 2 p.m. contest Saturday. Both EC squads travel to Holmes Community College on Tuesday, Nov. 18.

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WEEK OF Nov 10

Holmes men 82
East Central 69

In men's action, the Warriors dropped an 82-69 decision to the Holmes Bulldogs.

Tobios Darden of Lafayette, La., had 16 points to lead East Central, whose record stands at 1-3. Other point makers were Jamaal Martin of Northeast Lauderdale and Andrew Lewis of Morton, 10 each; Dewayne Hughes of Sebastopol, nine; and Stephen Dyess of Northeast Lauderdale and Gerrick Nichols of Thomastown, six each.

Kendall Granderson of Yazoo City had 25 points to lead the Bulldogs, who improved to 2-1.

The Lady Warriors travel to Shelton State for a 2 p.m. contest Saturday in Tuscaloosa. The ECCC women and men will journey to Goodman on Tuesday, Nov. 18 for another matchup with Holmes.

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ECCC women 78
Holmes 70

East Central Community College's women improved to 4-0 on the young season following their 78-70 win over visiting Holmes Community College Monday night in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Kotreece Bender of Newton poured in 18 points to lead the Lady Warriors.

Also leading the scoring were Kimyatta Viverette of Lake and Lenore Gray of Newton, 13 each; Kristen Chaney of Newton County, 11; and Britney Burks of Scott Central, 10.

LaTrice Rone of Lake Village, Ark., pumped in 24 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs who evened their record at 2-2. East Central held a 44-33 advantage at halftime.

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WEEK OF Nov 10

ECCC women win twice

by Marty Stamper

The East Central Community College Lady Warriors went 2-0 in last week's basketball action, while the Warriors went 0-2.

• **EC women 66, Miss. Delta 63:** Roxana Rogers' three-point shot with 1:15 remaining put the East Central Community College women in the lead for good in the Nov. 3 win at Decatur.

EC improved to 2-0 with the win. The Lady Warriors got 18 points from Kimyatta Viverette, 14 from Amanda LaCaze, six each from Rogers and Britney Burks, and five from Kristin Chaney.

Vancherricka Mitchell led Delta, 0-1, with 16.

EC held a 37-30 advantage at halftime.

• **Miss. Delta men 83, EC 80:** Tellas Burnside's three-point shot at the buzzer missed the mark as the Trojans escaped.

EC, 1-1, got 17 points each from Dewayne Hughes and Desmond Jones, 10 each from Al Willis and Neil Tadlock, and six from Tawon Walker.

Kedrick Johnson led Delta, 1-0, with 23. Delta led 42-41 at halftime.

• **EC women 90, East Mississippi 57:** The Lady Warriors hit 11 3-point baskets, eight in the first half, in drubbing EMCC Thursday at Scooba.

"That was probably one of the best shooting performances I've seen since I've been a head coach," EC's Brad Hodge said.

Kristin Chaney and Lenore Gray led EC with 20 points apiece. Chaney hit three treys. Monique Overstreet had four treys in her 13 points. Roxana Rogers scored seven points, while Kim Cox hit a pair of 3-pointers for her six points.

• **East Mississippi men 92, EC 83:** The Lions closed with a 15-2 run to take Thursday's contest at Scooba.

EC, 1-2, got 18 points from Dewayne Hughes, 12 from Desmond Jones, 11 from Jamaal Martin, eight each from Al Willis and Neil Tadlock, and seven from Ryan Hudson.

EMCC, 1-2, got 23 points from Phillip Lockhart and 13 from Calvin Moore.

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WEEK OF Nov. 17

ECCC Lady Warriors rally to defeat Shelton State in OT

East Central Community College's women's basketball team remain perfect in 2003 after rallying for an 85-77 overtime win over Shelton State Community College Saturday afternoon on the Tuscaloosa, Ala., campus.

The Lady Warriors, now 5-0 under third-year head coach Brad Hodge, trailed throughout the non-division match-up until sophomore Kimyatta Viverette of Lake sank two free throws to send the contest to overtime tied at 68-68. Key baskets by Lenore Gray of Newton helped give EC the eight-point margin of victory.

Viverette led East Central in scoring with 24 points while Gray added 21.

Other point makers were Kristen Chaney of Newton County, 14; Kotreece Bender of Newton, nine; Britney Burks of Scott Central, five; Kim Cox of Lake, four; Monique Overstreet of South Leake and Roxana Rogers of Lake, three each; Amanda LaCaze of Natchitoches (La.) Central, two; and India Backstrom of Neshoba Central, one.

Shelton State (2-2), which lost on its home court for the first time in two years, led 34-31 at half-time.

The EC men were not in action Saturday, but will join the Lady Warriors in traveling to Holmes Community College in non-divisional action scheduled November 18 on the Goodman campus. Both EC squads will entertain East Mississippi Community College teams Thursday night in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus. The Lady Warriors and Warriors travel to Mississippi Delta Community College on November 24.

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WEEK OF Nov. 17

ECCC Sweeps Itawamba

Staff Reports

DECATUR — Basketball season began on a successful note for East Central Community College's Lady Warriors and Warriors who defeated teams from Itawamba Community College Saturday.

The ECCC women posted a 76-67 victory over the Lady Indians, while the ECCC men held on for a 67-63 decision.

Lenore Gray of Newton led the Lady Warriors in scoring with 18 points. Other scorers were Monique Overstreet of South Leake and Kotreece Bender of Newton, 10 each; Amanda LaCaze of Natchitoches (La.) Central, eight; Britney Burks of Scott Central, seven; Miranda Rosar of Neshoba Central, six; Kimyatta Viverette of Lake, five; Kristin Chaney of Newton County and Roxana Rogers of Lake, four each; and Ebone'e Leverette of Forest and India Backstrom of Neshoba Central, two each.

The score was tied 37-37 at halftime.

Dewayne Hughes of Sebastopol pumped in 17 points to lead the Warriors. Other point makers were Jamaal Martin of Northeast Lauderdale, 12; Al Willis of

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Newton County, 10; Neil Tadlock of Lake and Tellas Burnside of Philadelphia, nine each; Desmond Jones of Neshoba Central, four; and Stephen Dyess of Northeast Lauderdale, Ryan Hudson of Louisville and Andrew Lewis of Morton, two each.

Reggie Gunn of Okolona had 16 points to lead the Indians, who are coached by former ECCC head mentor Marty Cooper.

The Warriors held a 32-27 advantage at the break.

East Central teams host Mississippi Delta Community College on Monday, November 3 and travel to East Mississippi Community College on Thursday, November 6. The Lady Warriors and Warrior return home Monday, November 10 to take on Holmes Community College.

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WEEK OF Nov 24

EAST CENTRAL

WINS (2) — Itawamba, 67-63; East Mississippi, 89-77.

LOSSES (4) — Mississippi Delta, 83-80; East Mississippi, 92-83; Holmes, 82-69; Holmes, 78-65.

REMAINING GAMES: Nov. 24 at Mississippi Delta; Dec. 4 at Pearl River; Dec. 8 host Hinds; Jan. 8 at Itawamba; Jan. 10 at Faulkner (Ala.) State; Jan. 12 at Southwest Mississippi; Jan. 15 host Meridian; Jan. 19 host Copiah-Lincoln; Jan. 22 at Jones County; Jan. 24 host Faulkner (Ala.) State; Jan. 26 at Gulf Coast; Jan. 29 host Pearl River; Feb. 2 at Hinds; Feb. 5 host Southwest Mississippi; Feb. 9 at Meridian; Feb. 12 at Copiah-Lincoln; Feb. 16 host Jones County; Feb. 19 host Gulf Coast; Feb. 23-26 at MACJC State Tournament; Mar. 1-4 at Region 23 Tournament.

EC sweeps East Miss.

Ladies rebound, Warriors snap four-game skid

By ROCKY HIGGINBOTHAM
Sports Editor

After a rough start to the week, East Central Community College got just what the doctor ordered Thursday night at home — a sweep of visiting rival East Mississippi.

East Central's men got off to a red-hot start and thumped the Lions 89-77 to put an end to a four-game losing streak; while the EC women bounced back from their first loss of the season to knock off the Lady Lions 65-51.

The Lady Warriors, who lost 64-53 at Holmes last Monday, entered this week's action with a 6-1 record. The Warriors, who fell 78-65 at Holmes, are 2-4.

Both East Central teams were to go to Mississippi Delta Monday in their only action of the week, and they're set to return to action Dec. 4 at Pearl River.

• **East Central women:** The Lady Warriors tasted defeat for the first time this season last Monday at Holmes, falling behind by 15 in the first half and playing catch-up for the remainder of the contest.

Holmes was up 36-21 at halftime and improved to 5-2.

Ebonee Leverette and Britney Burks led East Central with 14 and 11 points, respectively, while Kimyatta Viverette and Kristen Chaney scored eight apiece.

Freshman India Backstrom of Neshoba Central chipped in five points.

Against EMCC last Thursday, the Lady Warriors opened the second half with a big run to build on their 27-24 lead at intermission — knocking off the Lady Lions for the second time this season.

Chaney's 16 points were a team-high, while Viverette and Monique Overstreet tallied nine points apiece.

Backstrom and Lenore Gray also

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had eight points each, while Jocelyn Spearman led EMCC with 13.

• **East Central men:** The Warriors torched the nets in the first half and built a 49-30 lead over the Lions last Thursday.

Five players scored in double figures for ECCC, which snapped a four-game losing streak. Former Neshoba Central standout Desmond Jones tallied a team-high 17 points, while Dewayne Hughes had 13 and Neil Tadlock 12. Jamaal Martin scored 11 points and Ryan Hudson had 10.

Phillip Lockhart and Calvin Moore scored 18 points apiece for EMCC.

At Holmes last Monday, the Warriors fell behind 41-33 in the first half and couldn't recover.

Jones again led the way with 17 points, while Tadlock scored 15. Hughes chipped in nine and Martin scored seven.

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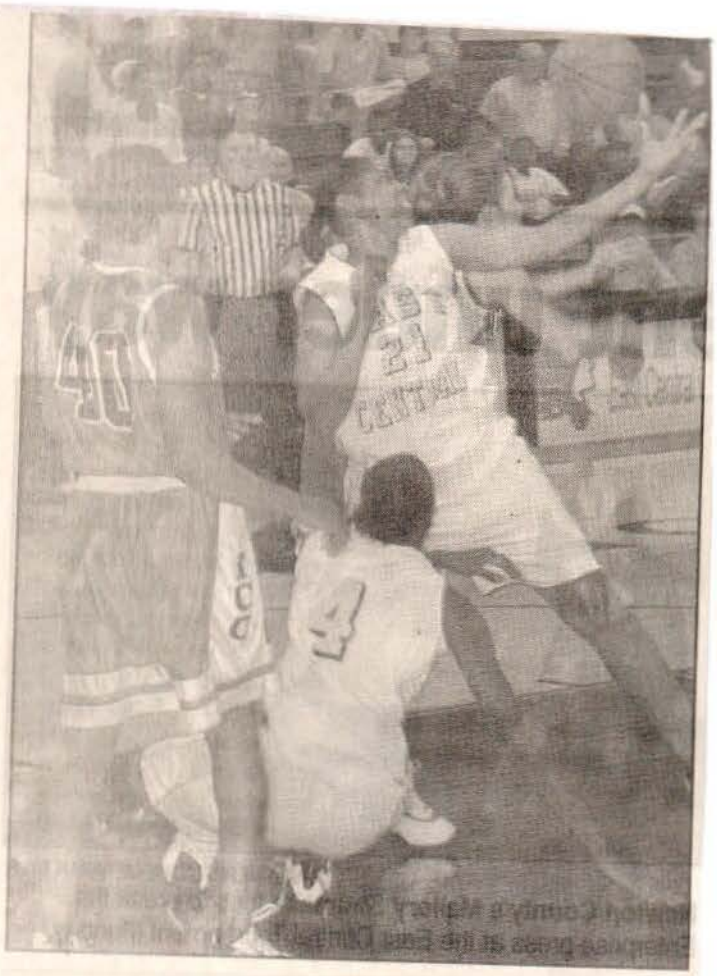

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East Central's Lenore Gray, a sophomore from Newton, battles for a rebound in this file photo.

East Central teams sweep Miss. Delta

From Staff Reports

The Thanksgiving holidays began on a successful note for East Central Community College's Lady Warriors and Warriors who took a pair of contests from Mississippi Delta Community College in games played Monday, Nov. 24 on the Moorhead campus.

Sophomore Lenore Gray of Newton had 19 points to lead the EC women who posted a 60-55 win over the Lady Trojans and improved to 7-1. Other scorers were Kristen Chaney of Newton County, 11; Kotreece Bender of Newton, nine; Kimyatta Viverette of Lake, seven; Miranda Rosar of Neshoba Central, six; Rita Birden of St. Federick (La.) High School, four; and Ebone'e Leverette of Forest and Amanda LaCaze of Natchitoches (La.) High School, two each. East Central led 28-20 at halftime.

Delta fell to 4-4 following the nondivision match-up.

The Warriors won their second straight contest by slipping past the Trojans 82-78.

Desmond Jones of Neshoba Central had 22 points for East Central, who improved to 3-4.

Other point makers were Neil Tadlock of Lake, 13; Jamaal Martin of Northeast Lauderdale, 11; Dwayne Hughes of Sebastopol, nine; Ryan Hudson of Louisville, eight; Al Willis of Newton County and Shaun Daugherty of Choctaw Central, five each; Stephen Dyess of Northeast Lauderdale, four; Tawon Walker of Neshoba Central, three; and Andrew Lewis of Morton, two.

Delta, which fell to 3-5, led 42-36 at the break.

East Central teams travel to Pearl River Community College Thursday night to begin South Division competition. The Lady Warriors and Warriors close out 2003 action by hosting Hinds Community College on Monday, Dec. 8.

Tip-off time is 6 p.m. for the women's contest with men's action set to follow at 8 p.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

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WEEK OF Dec 5

East Central women 8-2 heading into Christmas br

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East Central's Gerrick Nichols tries to save a ball against Hinds Monday night. EC lost the contest 71-68.

■ Both teams open division play with losses to Pearl River.

From Staff Reports

The East Central Lady Warriors entered the Christmas break in grand fashion, defeating visiting Hinds 97-77.

The Lady Warriors enter the Christmas break with a 8-2 record.

Against Hinds, Ebone'e Leverette led East Central with 17 points while Lenore Gray of Newton had 14 points. Kimyatta Viverette of Lake had 12 points while Rita Birden had nine points. Amanda LaCaze had seven points while Newton County's Kristen Chaney and Miranda Rosar each had six.

East Central led 56-24 at the half.

Hinds (M) 71, ECCC 68

In a back-and-forth contest, Hinds seized control to take a 71-68 as the Warriors fell to 3-6 on the season.

East Central was led by Ryan Hudson and Jamaal Martin who each had 16 points while Stephen Dyess had 14 points.

East Central led 34-32 at the half.

Pearl River (W) 54, EC 52

East Central Community College's Lady Warriors and Warriors dropped decisions to Pearl River Community College Thursday night at M. R. White Coliseum on the Poplarville campus in the MACJC South Division openers for both schools.

The Lady Warriors, who brought a 7-1 record to the division matchup, scored the game's final seven points but the rally fell two points short in a 54-52 setback.

Freshman Kristen Chaney, a product of Newton County High School, led East Central with 12 points. Other scorers were Kimyatta Viverette of Lake, nine; Lenore Gray of Newton, eight; Rita Birden of St. Fredrick High School, Monroe, La., six; Kotreece Bender of Newton, five; Kim Cox of Lake, Britney Burks of Scott Central and Amanda LaCaze of Natchitoches (La.), Central, three each; Ebone'e Leverette of Forest, two; and Monique Overstreet, one.

EC held a 35-33 advantage at halftime.

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EC Falls In Division Opener

From Staff Reports

POPLARVILLE – East Central Community College's Lady Warriors and Warriors dropped decisions to Pearl River Community College Thursday night at M. R. White in south division openers for both schools.

The Lady Warriors, who brought a 7-1 record to the division matchup, scored the game's final seven points but the rally fell two points short in a 54-52 setback.

Freshman Kristen Chaney led East Central with 12 points. Other scorers were Kimyatta Viverette of Lake, 9; Lenore Gray, 8; Rita Birden, 6; Kotreece Bender, 5; Kim Cox of Lake, Britney Burks of Scott Central and Amanda LaCaze, three each; Ebone'e Leverette of Forest, 2; and Monique Overstreet, 1.

Carmen Labat had 18 points to lead Pearl River, which evened its record to 4-4.

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Larry Brackins led Pearl River (6-2) with 18 points.

East Central led 39-35 at the break.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors closed out 2003 competition by hosting division foe Hinds Community College Monday. The Lady Warriors took a 97-77 win to extend their record to 8-2. The Warriors took a 71-68 loss to Hinds to extend their record to 3-6.

ECCC teams resume play following the Christmas holidays by traveling to Itawamba Community College on Jan. 8.

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ECCC Lady Warriors trounce Hinds; Warriors fall

Sophomore Ebone'e Leverette of Forest pumped in 17 points to lead East Central Community College's Lady Warriors to a 97-77 thumping of Hinds Community College Monday night (December 8) in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

The Lady Warriors, who improved to 8-2 overall and 1-1 in South Division action, went on a 40-8 run to close out first-half scoring and cruised to the easy victory over the Lady Bulldogs, now 2-6.

Also scoring for East Central were Lenore Gray of Newton, 14; Kimyatta Viverette of Lake, 12; Rita Birden, a product of St. Fedrick High School in Monroe, La., nine; Amanda LaCaze of Natchitoches (La.) High School, seven; Kristen Chaney of Newton County and Miranda Rosar of Neshoba Central, six each; Roxana Rogers of Lake, Britney Burks of Scott Central, Kotreece Bender of Newton and Hope Murray of West Jones, five each; and Kim Cox of Lake and India Backstrom of Neshoba Central, two each.

LaShundra Griffin of Jackson had 20 points to lead Hinds.

EC held a 56-24 advantage at the break.

In the men's contest, sophomore Jamaal Martin's three-point attempt at the buzzer bounced off the rim and Hinds escaped with 71-68 decision.

Martin, a product of Northeast Lauderdale, and Ryan Hudson of Louisville had 16 points each for the Warriors, who dropped to 3-6 overall and 0-2 in league competition.

Other point makers for EC were Stephen Dyess of Northeast Lauderdale, 14; Tellas Burnside of Philadelphia and Tawan Walker of Neshoba Central, five each; Neil Tadlock of Lake and Lorenzo White of Quitman, four each; and Dewayne Hughes of Sebastopol and Desmond Jones of Neshoba Central, two each.

Donald Jones, a product of Bel Air High School in Baton Rouge, La., led Hinds (6-3) with 18 points.

EC led 34-32 at halftime.

The Lady Warriors and Warriors have concluded 2003 competition and will return to action following the Christmas holidays by traveling to Itawamba Community College on Thursday, January 8, for a rematch of the season-opening contests, both won by East Central teams. The Lady Warriors posted a 76-67 win and the Warriors followed with a 67-63 victory.

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EAST CENTRAL

WINS (8) — Itawamba, 76-67; Mississippi Delta, 66-63; East Mississippi, 90-57; Holmes, 78-70; Shelton (Ala.) State, 85-77; East Mississippi, 65-51; Mississippi Delta, 60-55; Hinds, 97-77.

LOSSES (2) — Holmes, 64-53; Pearl River, 54-52.

REMAINING GAMES: Jan. 8 at Itawamba; Jan. 10 at Faulkner (Ala.) State; Jan. 12 at Southwest Mississippi; Jan. 15 host Meridian; Jan. 19 host Copiah-Lincoln; Jan. 22 at Jones County; Jan. 24 host Faulkner (Ala.) State; Jan. 26 at Gulf Coast; Jan. 29 host Pearl River; Feb. 2 at Hinds; Feb. 5 host Southwest Mississippi; Feb. 9 at Meridian; Feb. 12 at Copiah-Lincoln; Feb. 16 host Jones County; Feb. 19 host Gulf Coast; Feb. 23-26 at MACJC State Tournament; Mar. 1-4 at Region 23 Tournament.

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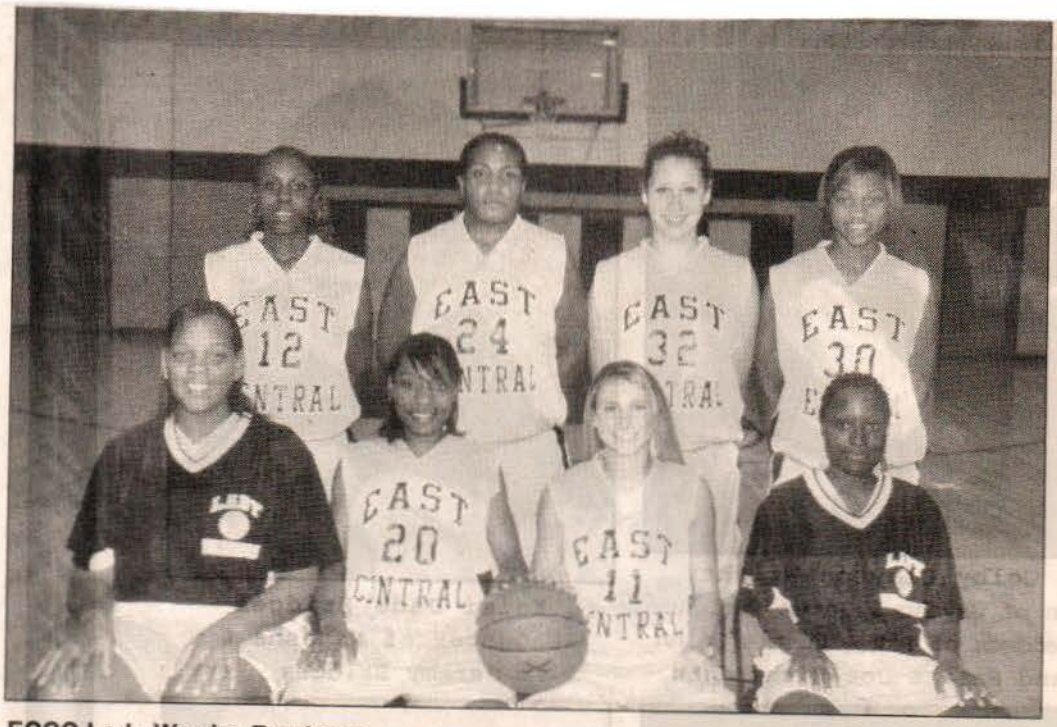

ECCC Lady Warrior Freshmen

Freshmen on the East Central Community College womenís basketball team for 2003-04 are (seated from left) Krystal Hunter, Noxapater; Kim Cox, Lake; Kristen Chaney, Newton County; and LaShauna Harrison, Union; and (standing from left) Roxana Rogers, Lake; Kotreece Bender, Newton; Amanda LaCaze, Natchitoches (La.) Central; and India Backstrom, Neshoba Central. Brad Hodge serves as head coach and Lacole Brooks is his assistant. The ECCC women are 8-2 overall and 1-1 in South Division action at the Christmas break. Competition resumes on January 8 when the Lady Warriors and Warriors travel to Itawamba Community College in Fulton.

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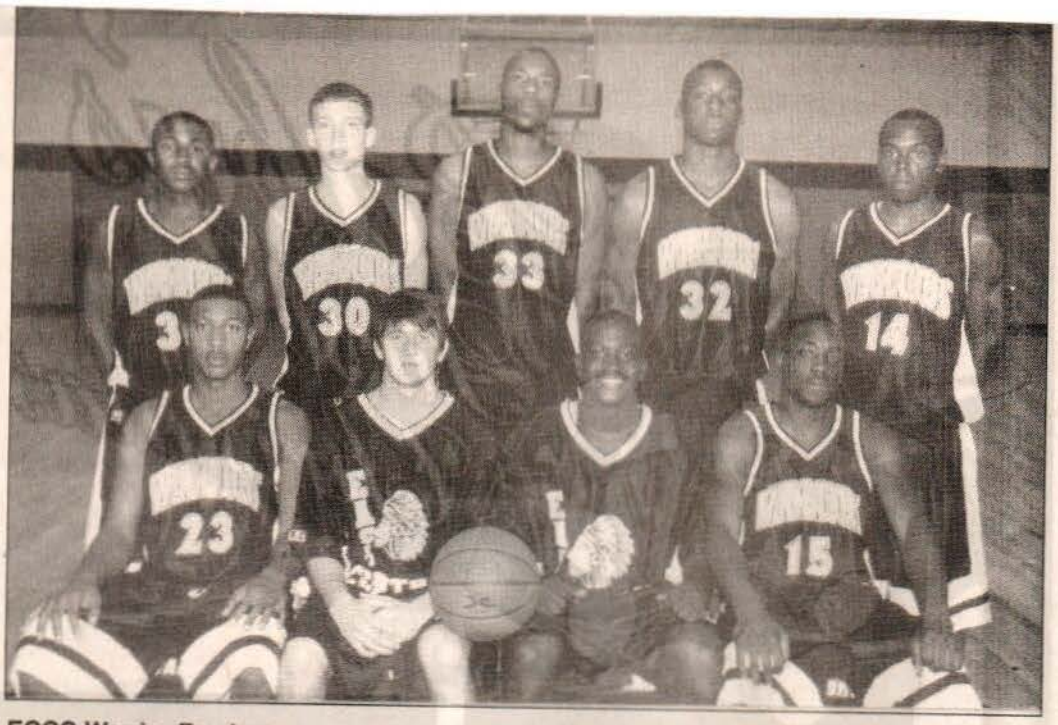

ECCC Warrior Freshmen

Freshmen on the East Central Community College menís basketball team for 2003-04 are (seated from left) Gerrick Nichols, Thomastown; Brent Blackwell, Nanih Waiya; Joe Agee, Heidelberg; and Tawon Walker, Neshoba Central; and (standing from left) Andrew Lewis, Morton; Shaun Daugherty, Choctaw Central; Ryan Hudson, Louisville; Lorenzo White, Quitman; and DeíKenno Winston, Northeast Lauderdale. Billy Smith serves as head coach and Kevin McGhee is his assistant. The ECCC men are 3-6 overall and 0-2 in South Division action at the Christmas break. Competition resumes January 8 when the Warriors and Lady Warriors travel to Itawamba Community College in Fulton.

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WEEK OF 24 Dec 02

Billy Smith selected ECCC Men's Head Basketball Coach

A successful coach on the high school level has been tapped to lead the men's basketball program at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Billy Smith, who has guided the Neshoba Central High School Lady Rockets since 1985, was named the new Warrior head basketball coach at a press conference held September 4 at the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building.

Smith, 40, succeeds Jay Bowen who resigned in August to take an assistant coaching position at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee.

In making the announcement, ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin said the College was very fortunate to hire someone who has success on the high school level and is also a district coach.

"His next challenge is to move the men's basketball program to the next level, and I feel confident he will be able to do that," Sutphin said.

Smith, whose Lady Rockets amassed a 388-151 record during his 16-year tenure, said, "I appreciate the opportunity given to me and look forward to getting to work as soon as possible. I am also looking forward to a new challenge and working hard to make the men's basketball program here at East Central the best it can be."

An obvious highlight of his successful career at Neshoba Central was winning the State Class 4-A Championship in 1990-91. The Lady Rockets were also division champions that year and finished season action with a 36-4 record.

Last season the Neshoba Central girls won the district title and advanced to the State 4-A semifinals en route to a 28-11 mark. In all, Smith's teams have won six district titles and finished district runners-up on five occasions.

Prior to joining the Neshoba Central staff, Smith served as junior varsity men's basketball coach and varsity basketball assistant at McKinney (Texas) High School during 1984-85. He is also a former graduate assistant at the University of Southern Mississippi (1983-84) and varsity men's basketball assistant and head freshman basketball and football coach at Philadelphia high and elementary schools (1982-83).

A graduate of Neshoba Central High School, Smith attended East Central Community College and received a bachelor's degree in physical education from Delta State University. He holds a master's degree in physical education from the University of Southern Mississippi and has a master's degree in administration from Jackson State Unversity.

He is married to the former Susan Lankston of Edinburg and they have three children, Andy, a senior at Neshoba Central; Chandler, a second-grader; and Mackie, who's kindergarten.

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WEEK OF 24 Dec 02

ECCC Warrior Basketball Team

Members of the East Central Community College Warrior basketball team include (seated, from left) student assistant Timothy Morgan of Lake, guard Will Florence of North Delta High School (Courtland), guard Joey Dixon of Mendenhall, guard Maurice English of Union, forward Winfred Craig of Louisville, guard Markeith Brown of Jackson Provine, guard Kevin Bobbitt of Lake, guard Carlton Dodd of Thomastown, guard Demario Qualls of Newton and student assistant Kenny McWilliams of Philadelphia; and (standing, from left) head coach Bill Smith, guard/forward Donzel Crenshaw of Ridgeway High School (Memphis, Tenn.), forward/center Clint Hatch of Carthage, forward Corey Hornsby of Istrouma High School (Ft. Payne, Ala.) center Jason Richardson of Wilcox Central High School (Pine Hill, Ala.), forward/center Reggie Carter of University Christian School (Pearl), guard/forward James Denson of Choctaw Central and assistant coach Shane Eck. (EC Photo)

ECCC Lady Warriors

Members of the East Central Community College Lady Warrior basketball team include (seated, from left) center Belinda Potter of Neville High School (Monroe, La), guard Becky Killen of Sebastopol, guard Crystal Lewis of Choctaw Central, guard Shelley Giddings of University City High School (Philadelphia, Penn.), guard Patsy McKee of Forest, guard Lori Cumberland of Leake Academy, forward/guard Melinda Davis of [illegible]

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EC To Host Annual Academy Basketball Tourney

Ten boys teams and nine girls squad are set to battle for the championship trophy in their respective division when the annual Mississippi Private School Association Mississippi Classic tipped off December 26 in the Brackeen-Wood gym on the ECCC campus in Decatur.

Competing in the boys' bracket, according to seeding, are Starkville, Leake, University Christian, Washington, Winston, Indianola, Lamar, Newton, Heidelberg and Kemper.

In first-round action, Lamar and Kemper will tangle at 11:30 a.m., followed by matchups featuring Heidelberg and Newton at 2:30 p.m., Winston and Washington at 5:30 p.m., and University Christian and Indianola at 8:30 p.m. Leake will play the winner of the Kemper-Lamar contest at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, December 27, and Starkville begins tournament play by taking on the Heidelberg-Newton victor at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, December 27.

Semi-finals are scheduled at 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. Friday, December 28.

Finals in the championship bracket will be held at 8;30 p.m. Saturday, December 29. The winner of the consolation bracket will be determined earlier in a 2:30 p.m. contest.

The Starkville girls are also the top seed, followed by Leake, Kemper, Indianola. Macon Central Washington, Lamar, Newton an university Christian.

Tournament action got underway at 1 p.m. Wednesday, December 26, when University Christian and Newton met at 1 p.m. Other first-round games include Macon Central and Indianola at 4 p.m., followed by Lamar and Leake at 7 p.m. Kemper and Washington battled at 4 p.m. Thursday, December 28, with Starkville taking onthe University Christian-Newton winner at 7 p.m.

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For more information contact ECCC basketball coaches Brad Hodge (et, 372) or Billy Smith (ext. 243), Phone 635-2111

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East Central Warriors

Members of the East Central Community College Warrior basketball team include (seated from left) student assistant Timothy Morgan, guard Will Florence, guard Joey Dixon (no longer on team), guard Maurice English, forward Winfred Craig, guard Markeith Brown, guard Kevin Bobbitt, guard Carlton Dodd, guard Demario Qualls, and student assistant Kenny McWilliams. Standing are head coach Bill Smith, guard/forward Donzel Crenshaw, forward/center Clint Hatch, forward Corey Hornsby, center Maweessha Carter, center Jason Richardson, forward/center Reggie Carter, guard/forward James Denson, and assistant coach Shane Eck. The Warriors are 4-5 heading into 2002. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF 31 Dec 01

East Central Lady Warriors

Members of the East Central Community College Lady Warrior basketball team include (seated from left) center Belinda Potter, guard Becky Killen, guard Crystal Lewis (no longer on team), guard Shelley Giddings, guard Patsy McKee, guard Lori Cumberland, forward/guard Melinda Ben, guard Shaneka Cistrunk, guard Nikki LaCour, and guard Tamekia Foley. Standing are student assistants Ashley Jones, Amanda Grayson, Jill Daugherty, and Danyell Hudson, center Lakelia Bogan, center Ashley Brown, guard/forward Christina Ford, forward Trelisa Eichelberger, assistant coach Toby Bush, and head coach Brad Hodge. The Lady Warriors carry a 7-2 mark into 2002. (EC Photo)

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Craft-Co Enterprises, ECCC Workforce Development Center cited for excellence

George Walker, Chairman of the State Workforce Development Council, reads the inscription on a plaque designating Craft-Co Enterprises, Inc. in Morton as the recipient of a "Best Practices Award," during a presentation at the Council's January meeting. Walker also presented an Outstanding Training Award to the East Central Community College Workforce Development Center. From left are Craft-Co associates Ken Downing, vice president, Caleb Armstrong, product manager, and Darryl Wicks, engineering manager; Walker; Jim Finley, Craft-Co President/CEO; Dr. Phil A. Hopkins, ECCC president; and Craft-Co associates Kay Crawford, human resources administrator, and Greg Elmo, controller. (EC Photo)

Craft-Co Enterprises, Inc. of Morton and the East Central Community College's Workforce Development Center were recognized for excellence during an awards presentation at the January meeting of the State Workforce Development Council held at the Education and Research Complex in Jackson.

Cited for its strong commitment to continuously upgrade the company's workforce, Craft-Co received the Council's prestigious "Best Practices Award" and the ECCC staff was honored for providing the company with outstanding training.

Craft-Co, a manufacturer of electrical/electronic components for the automobile industry, began production in Morton in November 1988. The 60,000 square foot facility consists of production operations, a quality lab, tool room, test lab and corporate offices.

Jim Finley, Craft-Co President and CEO, praised employees for the company's success, and added he was grateful for the support provided by the ECCC Workforce Development Center.

"Through Walker [illegible] workforce, Craft-Co has been successful in transferring existing jobs, launching new products, designing and prototyping new products, achieving the coveted Chrysler Gold Pentastar, Ford Q 1, QS 9 000/ISO 9001, and reliably shipping products to over 100 shipping locations in the US, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Spain and England. We currently employ 200 associates, 26 of which are salaried. Craft-Co has sales and [illegible] in Europe and Canada," Finley said.

Finley said the company's association with East Central Community College began in 1988.

"The partnership we established with East Central has been of great benefit to Craft-Co and the community as well. The College helped in moving a mobile lab training center to company property and various educational classes soon got underway," Finley commented.

The first class offered at the mobile lab consisted of eight students enrolled in literacy, GED (General Basic Education GED classes, and [illegible] and beginning typing classes.

Crawford added that additional training to be offered in the future includes on-line maintenance classes, on-line academic college credit classes, and on-line GED classes.

Since Craft-Co runs production four 10-hour days a week, she said Fridays are devoted for further training. The Friday classes serve an average of [illegible] employees per quarter and consist of Production Process, Quality, Supervisory Management, Diversity in the Workplace, Sexual Harassment and Problem Solving. Also scheduled are classes involving Lean Manufacturing and Safety.

Instructors at the training center include Carmel Carlisle, who teaches GED classes, and Modean Cross, English As A Second Language instructor, who have been with Craft-Co from the beginning of the partnership with ECCC. "They have worked continuously with no drop in attendance," Crawford remarked.

Craft-Co associates who [illegible] Elmo, Controller, who serves as "Introduction to Computers" instructor.

Roger Whitlock, director of the ECCC Workforce Development Center, said providing training classes to Craft-Co and other industries and businesses in the College's five-county district is the main mission of the Center, which began operation soon after the Legislature passed the Workforce Development Act of 1994.

"Our goal is to provide services needed to improve the economy by enhancing the employability skills of the citizens in the East Central Community College district," Whitlock said.

In addition to Whitlock, staff members include Joe Renaud, personal development specialist; Tina Harris, basic skills specialist; Chris Clark and Scott Russell, workforce development coordinators; Blake Warren, Productivity Enhancement Lab trainer; Ronald Westbrook, director, Small Business Development Center; Jewel Wil[illegible]

Kay Crawford, human resources administrator at Craft-Co, said 37 company employees have graduated from various classes, and that a total of 336 students have taken advantage of class offerings. Several students have also continued their education on the college level.

The training center offers 12 personal computers, all networked to a server; and a printer. Internet access is also available as well as a projector. The lab offers Access Database, English As A Second Language; Adult

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Workforce training recognition

Courtesy of East Central Community College

ECCC WORKFORCE STAFF HONORED — George Walker, third from left, chairman of the State Workforce Development Council, is shown presenting a plaque to Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, president of East Central Community College, which recognizes the College's Workforce Development Center staff for excellence in providing training to Craft-Co Enterprises, Inc. of Morton. Craft-Co was also awarded a "Best Practices Award," in recognition of the company's commitment to continuously upgrade its workforce. The presentations were made at the Council's January meeting at the Education and Research Center in Jackson. From left are Workforce Development Center personnel Scotty Russell, workforce development coordinator, and Tina Harris, basic skills specialist; Walker; Dr. Sutphin; and staff members Joe Renaud, personal development specialist; Chris Clark, workforce development coordinator; Roger Whitlock, Center director; and Jim Finley, President/CEO of Craft-Co Enterprises, Inc. in Morton.

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ECCC purchases education software to assist students, faculty, administration

East Central Community College in Decatur is in the process of upgrading its information technology system following the recent purchase of computer software that makes it easier and faster for students, faculty and the administration to access campus information.

The software – Jenzabar's Internet Campus Solution (JICS) product suite- was purchased from Jenzabar, Inc., of Cambridge, MA, a leader in software solutions for higher education.

College officials said the new program provides a much-needed service on the Decatur campus.

"Jenzabar's Internet Campus Solutions is the only fully integrated Web-based software solution on the market that can provide the students, faculty and administration at East Central with fast and reliable access to campus-wide information," said Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president. "Using Jenzabar's Internet Campus Solution will enable East Central to greatly improve how students, faculty and administrators communicate with each other on a daily basis. We feel that by working with Jenzabar, we will set a solid technology foundation that takes the College well into this century and beyond."

Dr. Sutphin also noted that the current software and hardware is five years old and is approaching its useful life expectancy. "As a result," he said, "the cost to maintain the existing program is increasing. We were able to purchase the Jenzabar system at a reduced rate, and felt the timing was right to upgrade our existing information technology system."

Jenzabar's Internet Campus Solution is comprised of Jenzabar's Data Mart product and new Portlet technology, a fully integrated enterprise and administrative office solution and a fully integrated elearning solution, according to Bob Maginn, chief executive officer. Maginn further explained that Jenzabar's database intelligence pushes role-appropriate customized information through an Internet-based platform. He provided the following examples on how the software can be used:

"A college president will be able to see daily enrollment and fundraising figures. A student advisor would be able to utilize a portlet that provides the necessary tools to assist students, such as students' profile information and degree audit. Students will in effect have their own 'page', their own password, and will be able to access information regarding class schedules, etc."

Dr. Sutphin said the total cost of the upgrade system in actual dollars is $482,359. He said the College is financing the purchase under a lease/purchase agreement over a five-year period with the State of Mississippi as the bonding agent. Annual payments will be less than $106,000.

Dr. Sutphin noted that most of the funding for the project comes from technology funds appropriated by the State Legislature. Private funding will also be used in the purchase.

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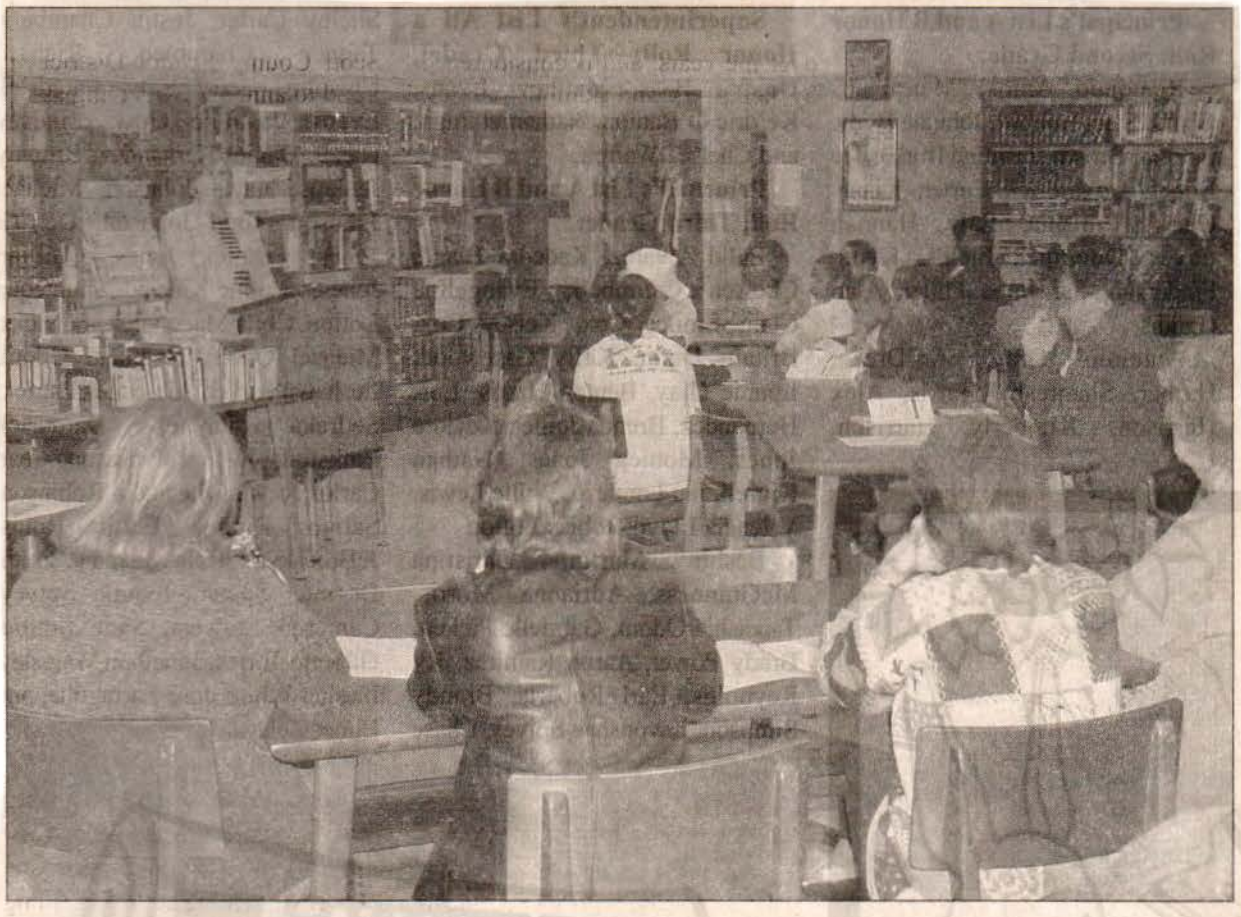

Financial Aid Meeting

Mrs. Brenda Carson, Director of Financial Aid at East Central Community College, conducted a workshop for seniors and their parents at the Forest High School Library. She presented information on loans, grants, scholarships, and military benefits, and guided parents in completing Federal and Mississippi financial aid forms.

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To Present Concert

The musical talents of East Central Community College faculty members Leesa Wilkinson (left) and Len Bobo will be on display Tuesday, February 11, 2003, in the Ovid S. Vickers Fine Arts Center auditorium on the Decatur campus. Wilkinson, music keyboard instructor, and Bobo, who directs the College's concert choir, will be featured in a two-piano recital beginning at 7 p.m. Selections include Concerto in C major by J. S. Bach, Toccata Espanola by Carolyn Davenport, Jamaican Rumba by Arthur Benjamin, Deep Purple by Peter De Rose, and More by Ortolani and Oliviero. There is no charge for admission. (EC Photo)

ECCC Offers Trauma Life Support Classes

A two-day course in Basic Trauma Life Support is being offered at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Patrick Black, director/instructor for the College's new EMT-Paramedic Technology program. Classes are scheduled Saturday, March 1 and Sunday, March 2, and will be held in the Frank T. Rives Educational Building, Room 26, on the College's South campus. The course offers a two-year certification in BTLS. Cost is $75 per student.

A minimum of 10 students must be registered for each class to meet.

For more information contact Patrick Black, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 425. His email address is pblack@eccc.edu.

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pop group, at a 1 p.m. concert in Huff Auditorium. An awards ceremony is scheduled at 2:30 p.m., and recognizes the top six winners in each area of competition who also qualify for the state contest in April.

For more details contact Brenda Johnson at the College,s Bradford J. Tucker Applied Technology Center, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 255.

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ECCC to host District FBLA competition

More than 800 students representing 37 high schools and vocational-technical centers will converge on the East Central Community College campus in Decatur on February 13 when the Mississippi Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) holds its Central District Leadership Conference.Sponsored by the College,s Phi Beta Lambda chapter, an organization for business students, the annual contest is held to measure students, abilities in various areas of technology and business-related skills, according to Brenda Johnson, ECCC computer technology instructor who is also an advisor for Phi Beta Lambda and serves as Conference chairman. Johnson said the College is again pleased to host the event for the second-straight year.

We are again excited to serve as host for the Conference, and look forward to having so many outstanding students from central Mississippi visit our campus,Johnson said.

Registration for the day,s activities is scheduled from 8 to 9 a.m. at the Tucker Technology Center, Room 318, followed by the various areas of competition which include accounting, business communication, business procedures, computer concepts, entrepreneurship, marketing, networking concepts, desktop publishing, speaking, job interview, business, economics and parliamentary procedure.

The special guests will be entertained by the Collegians, the College,s vocal-instrumental

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WEEK OF Feb 10

ECCC to host annual business, education and healthcare expo

Employment, educational and military opportunities will be available to East Central Community College students when the third annual Business, Education and Healthcare Expo is held Thursday, March 20 on the Decatur campus.

Representatives from more than 50 firms have reserved space for the event, scheduled from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building, according to Expo organizer Sylvia Bush, vocational-technical counselor at the College.

""We have really been pleased with the response for this year's Expo, and anticipate the number of exhibitors to increase over the next few weeks, especially since we are again offering space free of charge. This is really a great opportunity for businesses and industries, hospitals and health agencies or any other type business that is in search of quality employees, which we obviously can offer with our students. Many of our students are looking to continue their education at four-year colleges and universities, so the Expo also provides a great opportunity for those institutions to recruit our students. We also anticipate various representatives from the military to be on hand to talk with our students," Bush said.

Bush noted that the Expo has also been well received by the ECCC student body.

"Approximately 700 students attended the Expo last year, and we hope that even more students will take advantage of this great opportunity.

Several students landed jobs as a result of the Expo, and many students made decisions on where they want to continue their education," Bush said.

Participants in this year's Expo, as of February 1, include Allied Enterprises, Philadelphia; Alzheimers Association, East Central Branch, Meridian; Baptist Health Systems, Jackson; Bedford Care Center, Newton; Beverly Healthcare, Newton; Central Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson; Central Mississippi Residential Center, Newton; Choctaw Maid Farms, Carthage; and many other industries and businesses.

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WEEK OF March 3

EC Selected for Community College Initiative

East Central Community College has received word that it has been selected to be part of a national Rural Community College Initiative (RCCI) demonstration project funded by the Ford Foundation. The two-year program is being jointly administered by the Southern Rural Development Center located at Mississippi State University and the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development located at Iowa State University. The RCCI is designed to accelerate the ability of rural community and tribal colleges to meet the expanding needs of rural communities located in their service areas.

ECCC will join 14 other institutions from Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota and Texas in this national learning network of rural community colleges. In addition to linking community and tribal colleges to each other, the RCCI program will connect participating colleges to Extension educators located in state land-grant institutions across the nation.

Dr. Phil Sutphin, President of East Central Community College, commented that, "East Central has a long history of service to the counties in our service area. The College's selection as a Rural Community College Initiative institution will provide opportunities for us to more effectively serve our area. We are serious about coordinating our resources with the local communities in our area to further economic and community development that will enhance the quality of life in east central Mississippi."

Bo Beaulieu, director of the Southern Rural Development Center, stated, "We are excited that this new initiative is bringing the talents of rural community and tribal colleges together with those of our land-grant university Extension programs.

This powerful new partnership means that rural communities in the targeted states will have access to some of the best community college and Extension educators who care deeply about the well being of rural people and communities in this country."

The Rural Community College Initiative will involve participating colleges in annual RCCI institutes, specialized training programs and field trips that will showcase promising economic and community development strategies. The first RCCI Institute, to be held next month in Kansas City, Missouri, will offer the team from ECCC an opportunity to learn about innovative approaches for strengthening the economy of rural communities, extending the valuable resources of the community college to new audiences and enhancing the involvement of local citizens in community improvement activities.

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Athletics at East Central Community College in Decatur received a financial boost thanks to sizeable contribution made by The Edward M. and Henrietta M. Knabusch Charitable Trust. Dan Breeding (second from left), general manager at La-Z-Boy South in Newton, a company founded by the late Mr. Knabusch, is shown presenting a check for $24,000 to Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president, with proceeds designated for the Warrior Club, a support group for ECCC athletics. The contribution will be used to install lights on the Lady Warrior softball field. Also pictured at the presentation are (from left) Terry Underwood ECCC athletic director; Mar Killens (fourth from left) o Newton, Warrior Club presiden and Ricky Harrison, ECCC draf ing and design technology instruc tor and former Warrior Club pres dent.

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WEEK OF March 17

Legislature Honors ECCC Student, Instructor

East Central Community College sophomore Shancey Young (seated left) of Forest and faculty member Tommy Clopton (seated right) of Decatur were recognized along with other outstanding students and instructors representing the state's public and private colleges and universities at the 16th Annual HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day - Working for Academic Excellence) program held recently in Jackson. HEADWAE is an activity of the Mississippi Legislature and is sponsored by the state's corporate community and coordinated by the Mississippi Association of Colleges. Young is an honor student in the College's Associate Degree Nursing Program and Clopton, a Wesson native, teaches chemistry. They are pictured at the special program with (standing from left) State Representative Mike Eakes of Philadelphia, ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin and State Senator Terry C. Burton of Newton.

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Adcock Honored For Service – Ramona Adcock of Philadelphia recently retired from service as a member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. Adcock, who served a five-year term, is shown with ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (left) and Board Chairman Prentice Copeland.

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WEEK OF March 17

Goldman Joins ECCC Board

Ricky Goldman (center) of Philadelphia was recently welcomed as a new member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. Goldman, who serves as manager of the Neshoba County Co-op, is shown with ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (left) and Board Chairman Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia. The new trustee is a graduate of Neshoba Central High School and Mississippi State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics. He also attended ECCC. Goldman and his wife, Jan, a teacher at Neshoba Central Elementary School, have a son Richard, a junior at Neshoba Central High School. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Board Adopts Resolution Honoring A. F. Hollingsworth

DECATUR--The East Central Community College Board of Trustees has adopted a resolution in memory of longtime Board member and educator A. F. Hollingsworth of Lake, who recently passed away.

The resolution, which recognizes Mr. Hollingsworth's service to his church, community, county, state and ECCC, his alma mater, was approved at the Board 's March 11, 2003, meeting and was signed by Board Chairman Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS On February 27, 2003, God in His infinite wisdom and love called from our midst Albert F. Hollingsworth, member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees 1988 until February 2003, for a total of 34 years, and

WHEREAS Mr. Albert F. Hollingsworth served as an exemplary member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees, serving with diligence and sincerity until the time of his passing, and

WHEREAS Mr. Albert F. Hollingsworth very effectively served as Chairman of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees from January

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1975 through December 1981, and

WHEREAS Through his vision and his diligence, Mr. Albert F. Hollingsworth made an invaluable contribution to the growth and development of East Central Community College, and

WHEREAS Mr. Albert F. Hollingsworth served his community, county, and state as an educator, serving as Teacher, Principal, and County Superintendent of Education, and

WHEREAS Mr. Albert F. Hollingsworth distinguished himself as a community and religious leader, and

WHEREAS Mr. Albert F. Hollingsworth was regarded with respect and esteem by all who knew him, and

WHEREAS Mr. Albert F. Hollingsworth's love, devotion and service to his own family was never swerving but was a steady guiding light to his wife and to his children, and

of Trustees respectfully and sorrowfully note the death of Mr. Albert F. Hollingsworth, and express and record their gratitude to Almighty God for the life of His servant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the members of the Board express their abiding respect, concern and sympathy for Mr. Hollingsworth's family, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees and that a copy be given to Mrs. Fannie McDonald Hollingsworth.

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WEEK OF March, 2003

ECCC offers educational opportuniti

From press reports

Winston County continues to play a major role in the success of East Central Community College in Decatur, where enrollment topped the 2500 mark last fall for the first time in the College's 75-year history.

The current spring enrollment stands at 2418, and of that total, 287 students or 11.9 percent are from Winston County.

Each year, more and more students from Winston County choose to attend ECCC, and their reasons are many.

Sophomore Lacey Sanborn of Noxapater, a member of the College's rodeo team, said she chose East Central because of the atmosphere.

"I have made so many friends and my teachers know all know me by name," Sanborn said.

Freshman baseball player Gabe Snow of Louisville also provided his reasons for attending East Central:

"I chose to attend EC because of the large amounts of scholarships available. I also wanted to start out at a small school where I knew that I could meet new people and where the teachers cared," Snow stated.

These are typical comments from students of all ages who enroll at East Central and quickly discover the various academic, social and personal opportunities available on the Decatur campus.

In the area of academics, East Central offers the basic core curriculum for over 160 majors. These

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In the drama area, the ECCC Players present a dinner theater each fall and a musical is held during the spring semester. The production scheduled for this spring is Leader of the Pack: The Ellie Greenwich Story, which will be presented April 10-12 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center. This production cast includes many Winston natives. Cast members and their respective roles include Amy Chamblee (Ellie), Lisa Chamblee (Mickey), Janette Robinson (Pattie) and Amanda Sanders (Gina), all of Carthage; Chris Carson (Jeff) and Jennifer Carson (Darlene), both of Decatur; Lee Dooley (Gus) of Lake; Janna Nowell (Rosie) and Krystal Moore (Barbara), both of Philadelphia; Katie Ford (Annie) of Newton, Kristal Burton (Shelley) of Little Rock, Amanda Thompson (Jasmine) of Louisville, Damien Wash (Chris) of Hickory, Anthony Andoline (Lon) of Noxapater, Mike Fondren (Peter) of Union, Shelby Anderson (Keith) of Brandon and Josh Hall (Joey) of Morton.

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Although East Central Community College has undergone numerous changes over the past 75 years, the College's mission is still the same: to serve students.

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for students of all ages

(Above) This are just some of the students from Winston County finding success at ECCC.
Freshmen Gabe Snow (left) of Louisville and Darnell Clark of Nanih Waiya, and sophomore Lacey Sanborn of Noxapater are among Winston County students who chose East Central Community College in Decatur to continue their education. They are shown with academic counselor Lanette Hanna, a Winston County native.

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In addition to academic coursework, East Central offers various programs in the health-related, technical and vocational areas.

Students interested in the nursing field can choose Associate Degree Nursing, Licensed Practical Nursing or Surgical Technology, all of which are fully accredited on the national and state levels. Additional programs in the health-related area include Medical Office Technology, Gerontology Technology and the most recent addition EMT-Paramedic Technology.

Additional technical programs include Automotive Technology, Business and Office Technology, Child Development, Collision Repair, Computer Technology, Drafting and Design, Heating and Air Conditioning, Electrical Technology, Electronics, Machine Shop and Computer Network Support Technology.

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In athletics, opportunities include intercollegiate football, men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball, men's soccer, men's and women's tennis, golf and rodeo competition. Numerous intramural sports are also offered.

Regina Rigby of Forest serves as director and oral communication instructors George Vaughn of Decatur and Juanita West of Newton are production directors.

The student director is Adam Huffman, and the stage and props director is Shalonda Buckley, both of Philadelphia. Casey Smith of Louisville is in charge of lights.

Assisting with props and art are Heather Neese of Meridian, Kathy Rushing of Forest, Melanie Jones of Carthage, Victoria Daniels of Philadelphia, Sarah Cole and Shellie Keys, both of Union; and Laura Shook and Jill Clanton, both of Lawrence.

In addition to offering opportunities for its students, East Central is making a difference in the community and surrounding area by providing Adult Basic Education/GED classes and workforce training, and by being involved in economic development.

During the past year, East Central served more than 1,800 adult basic education/general education diploma students, and

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ECCC Offers Educational Opportunities For

By: Bubby Johnston

Newton County continues to play a major role in the success of East Central Community College in Decatur, where enrollment topped the 2500 mark last fall for the first time in the College,s 75-year history.

The current spring enrollment stands at 2418, and of that total, 566 students - or 23.4 percent - are from Newton County.

Each year, more and more students from Newton County choose to attend ECCC, and their reasons are many.

Freshman cheerleader Shelley Johnson, a graduate of Newton High School, said she chose East Central because "ECCC is a great school with so many opportunities to enable students to reach their full potential."

Added freshman band/*Collegians* member Jennifer Carson, a product of Newton County High School, "East Central provides me with many opportunities to be involved in campus activities and I feel welcome by not being classified as just a number."

Sophomore basketball player Al Willis, also a Newton County High School graduate said his reasons to come to ECCC were two-fold: "I wanted to continue my education, and I also received a scholarship to play basketball."

Sophomore Nathan Stamper, who attended Newton County Academy, made the following comment regarding his decision to come to East Central: "Friends and family

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Students Of All Ages In Five-County Area

members that had attended EC told me how much fun they had as students. I wanted to continue my education at a good academic school where I could also have fun. EC was the place that I could do that."

These are typical comments from students - of all ages - who enroll at East Central and quickly discover the various academic, social and personal opportunities available on the Decatur campus.

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From Left: Freshman Jennifer Carson of Newton County High School, Sophomore Nathan Stamper of Newton County Academy, Freshman Shelly Johnson of Newton High School and Sophomore [illegible] Willis, a product of Newton County High School, are among students from Newton County who attend

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Male chorus sings at ECCC

A resolution was presented to Mrs. Annie R. Kelly, Mrs. Allah V. Jones and W.B. Jones by the Leake County Board of Supervisors in honor of their hard work and dedicated service to the school system and the community.

Mrs. Otis Thomas and Junior Barton attended the

Truelight

By Shelia W. Millsap

Beef Cattle Seminar held at McMillan Park on Monday evening.

The Truelight Male Chorus was the opening act for Slim (Howard Hunt) and the Supreme Anglers at East Central Community College. Also the Male Chorus was special guest at Galilee Baptist Church. Keep up the good work, men.

Vernetta Barton was the guest speaker for the Prayer Breakfast held at Galilee Baptist Church on Sunday morning.

Sympathy is extended to Patsy Toliver and family during the loss of their uncle. Also sympathy goes to the Millsap and Bufkin families during the loss of Johnnie Mae Brewer of Little Rock Baptist Church.

Deacon Evans and Deacon Larry Weathers attended the ministers and deacons meeting at Harmony Baptist Church on Saturday.

Pray for the sick and shut-ins throughout the community and pray a special prayer for our troops.

Tickets on sale for ECCC's 'Leader of Pack'

Tickets are now on sale for the East Central Community College musical presentation of "Leader of the Pack: The Ellie Greenwich Story," which will be presented at 7 p.m. April 10-12 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus.

All tickets are $10 and can be reserved by calling the College's Communications Office at 635-2311, ext. 215, or 1-877-462-3222. Mail orders can be sent to Spring Musical, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.

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EC Expo draws large crowd

Hundreds of East Central Community College students attended the College's third annual Business, Education and Healthcare Expo and explored the various job opportunities available at businesses, industries and health-related agencies located throughout the state. Representatives from the military and numerous colleges and universities were also on hand to meet with the ECCC students. Approximately 70 booths were set up for the one-day event, which was held in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building on the Decatur campus.

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WEEK OF April 7

Three Winston residents awarded at conference

By Joseph McCain
Winston County Journal

Three Winston County Women have been recognized for their achievements in the community and state.

Lucille Wood, Dr. Louie Kemp Finch and Dean Watkins were praised for their efforts to improve the state and received the "Power of One" Organization Award March 17 in Jackson.

"Our state is blessed with an abundance of dedicated individuals who contribute so much to their communities," said Governor Ronnie Musgrove. "Each of the women honored have shown their commitment and dedication in helping our state and our nation. It's time for us to show our appreciation for what they mean to Mississippi."

Wood will complete fifty years of service to the community colleges of Mississippi in May of '2003. The impact of her work, in both athletics and academics, cannot be measured. A native of Winston County, Wood taught and coached at Copiah-Lincoln Community College for two years, and began her teaching career with East Central Community College in 1956. Women's basketball had been discontinued in the community college system, and Wood immediately began work toward having the sport reinstated, a dream which became a reality in 1974. From 1974 to 1986, Wood's teams won four state championships and numerous division championships. She served as the first president of the Mississippi Association of Women's Coaches and as first coach of the Mississippi Junior College All-star team. Wood is listed in Two Thousand Notable Americans, First Edition, Personalities in the South; Who's Who in the South and Southwest, Who's Who of American Women, and Who's Who in American Education 2002. She served as President of the East Central Alumni Association in 1963 and 1964; two-time President of East Central Faculty Club, inducted into East Central Hall of Fame in 1986, and named HEAD-WAE instructor of East Central and honored by the Mississippi Legislature. The ECCC Physical Education building was named in her honor. She was named to the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame and is Regional Director for National Junior College Association. She has received a service award from the National Junior College Athletic Association. She resides in the Calvary Community of Winston County. She has Lorene Wood and Jim Wood as siblings and is sister-in-law to Ann Wood.

Lucille Wood, Dr. Louie Kemp Finch and Dean Watkins.

Finch,85, is a retired professor from Mississippi State University where she taught home economics and was part of the Research Curriculum Unit. She was also named the Winston County Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year in 2002.

Watkins is the human resources manager for The Taylor Group of Louisville. She is also the President of the Business and Professional Women of Mississippi.

This was the eighth annual "Power of One" conference. The conference highlighted the achievements of Mississippi women who give their time, spirit, commitment and expertise to better the lives of many others.

The conference featured noted civil rights leader, Myrlie Evers-Williams as keynote speaker. Many educational and informative workshops and personal development opportunities were also scheduled.

Other "Power of One" honorees included: Patrice J. Boone of Clinton, Deborah Jones Gambrell Chambers of Hattiesburg, Patrice Spearman Hopson of Vicksburg, Shirley Norwood Jones of Jackson, Naomi S. Kilgore of West Point, and Jeanette Thrash of Decatur.

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East Central Community College Receives $10K from BellSouth Donation Part of $150K Statewide Grant Initiative

East Central Community College recently received a $10,000 grant from BellSouth as part of the company's ongoing efforts to support education in the State of Mississippi. Dr. Phil Sutphin, ECCC President, and C. D. Smith, BellSouth Regional Manager, announced the grant during a news conference held on the Decatur campus.

Dr. Sutphin said the College is grateful to BellSouth for its generous donation.

"We deeply appreciate the commitment of BellSouth to the education of our citizens. Education is such an important factor in an improved quality of life for people and communities, and the financial support for scholarships from corporations such as BellSouth allows many deserving students to receive a quality education," said Dr. Sutphin.

The $10,000 grant to ECCC is part of a strategic BellSouth initiative to establish endowment funds for higher education in communities statewide.

ECCC will oversee the administration and award process for the scholarship fund.

BellSouth will award a total of $150,000 in Mississippi - $10,000 to each of the 15 community colleges in the state. "This initiative helps to insure we continue to have opportunities to recruit and employ people with the workforce training skills and education our industry demands," said Smith.

Smith said the grants were awarded to build on the mission of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges, which is to "...enhance a community and junior college education and workforce training for Mississippians, promote positive leadership, and create partnerships with business, industry and other entities..."

C. D. Smith (left), BellSouth Regional Manager, presents a $10,000 check to Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, president of East Central Community College, to establish a scholarship endowment. The donation is part of BellSouth's $150,000 statewide grant initiative involving the state's 15 community and junior colleges. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF May 19

Teacher Appreciation

The Student Education Association at East Central Community College recently hosted a campus-wide Teacher Appreciation project where students were encouraged to write letters of appreciation to their former elementary school teachers. SEA sponsor Lucille Wood (center) wrote a letter to her first grade teacher, Margurite Callahan Boswell, a Neshoba County native who taught at Calvary Elementary School and continues to live in the Calvary Community of Winston County. Among students writing letters were (from left) Alicia Mills and Ashley Chaney, both of Newton County High School; Paige Posey of Leake Academy, Leslie Shaw of Winston Academy and Terrance Anderson of Nanih Waiya.

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ECCC Retirees Honored

East Central Community College honored retiring administrators, faculty and staff members at the annual End-of-the-Year Dinner held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Retirees include (from left) Leonard Barrier of Philadelphia, English instructor; Jimmy Dempsey of Decatur, vocational-technical counselor; Carolyn Haralson of Forest, dormitory supervisor; Barbara Deaton of Decatur, secretary to the faculty; John Adcock of Decatur, dean of vocational-technical instruction; and Jim Hansford of Union, workforce development coordinator. The Ac'cents, the College's show choir, provided entertainment. (ECCC Photo)

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Train for a job in just 8 weeks at EC

Press Press reporter

In just eight weeks, students in the East Central Community College truck-driving program are ready for work.

The College has had a truck-driving program for six years, according to Chris Clark, Workforce Development Coordinator in the Colleges Workforce Development Center.

Students are trained for 240 clock hours. Seventy hours are spent in the classroom and the remainder of the time is spent in practice-driving sessions throughout the Colleges five-county district.

During the classroom hours, students learn about things like highway regulations, driving techniques, air brakes, hours of service rules and trip planning.

Approximately 60 to 70 students per year participate in the program and about 320 individuals have completed the program at this point, said Clark. Our graduates are recruited by several nationally respected trucking companies, many of which offer tuition reimbursement, and we have a placement rate of over 90 percent.

Virginia Barrett of Stonewall and Matt Reeves of Decatur are just two of the students currently enrolled in the truck-driving class.

Why did they enroll?

"I wanted to see the country and get paid for it," said Barrett.

Reeves added, "I just wanted to have another option for things to do in life."

Whatever the reason for enrolling, in just a few weeks, each will be prepared for a new career.

The course is open to anyone who meets the following requirements.

Participants must be at least 17 years old to qualify for an intrastate license or 21 years old to qualify for an interstate license. Each must pass a Department of Transportation Physical and Drug Screening. Class members driving records must not have more than two moving traffic violations in the past two years and must not have any DUI (Driving Under the Influence) or reckless driving convictions in the past five years.

The cost to enroll in the truck-driving course is $2000 and includes tuition, a drug test, DOT physical, and all licensing fees. Tuition assistance may be available through the Mississippi State Employment Service for qualified applicants.

Classes meet five days a week for eight weeks.

Instructors include William Copes, Sam Holdiness and Mike Reeves. Copes and Holdiness are certified Mississippi Highway Patrol instructors/evaluators. All three instructors have 20 plus years experience in the truck-driving profession.

For more information contact Chris Clark at the Colleges Workforce Development Center, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 265 or toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 265.

The email address is cclark@eccc.edu <mailto:cclark@eccc.edu>.

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colleges in the state experienced an increase in enrollment for 2002-03.

However, the ECCC enrollment increase was smaller in comparison to other community and junior colleges, and thus ECCC received a smaller piece of the pie.

In preparation for the next school year, ECCC officials are budgeting conservatively and underestimating revenue. Usually, an increase in enrollment is expected , however, the expected increase in funding will not be budgeted for this coming year. Therefore, officials have set the 2003-04 school year budged based on the same number of students enrolled as last year.

Although an increase is more than likely to happen, and has happened consecutively for the last 18 years, Sutphin and his staff remain cautious.

"We're not solely depending on an increase in enrollment to make our budget for the upcoming year," Sutphin said.

The school has auxiliary revenue sources, such as housing, food services, and the book store, but these sources have not been relied on heavily in the past as significant revenue sources.

ECCC tuition

Year	Tuition
2001-02	$500
2002-03	$600
2002-03	$700
2003-04	$700

"These three areas will hopefully bring in more than we spend, and we plan on budgeting these areas more aggressively," Sutphin said.

Although the gradual loss of funding is an upset to all, Sutphin said it was not in any way a surprise. State college presidents meet monthly to discuss matters such as state funding, and the communication among the presidents increases when the State Legislature is in session.

"We read the papers, we know what's going on," Sutphin said. "We had plenty of warning."

Gov. Ronnie Musgrove also made a point, according to Sutphin, to tell colleges to hold back five percent of their budget.

The communication doesn't stop on a state level. Sutphin said he and his staff make a point to communicate weekly. Likewise, when school is in session Sutphin meets with the President's Council, which includes presidents or other representatives of every student organization. College officials and division chairpersons also meet monthly. Likewise, Sutphin meets with deans, directors and other administrators on a weekly basis, and a weekly communication bulletin called "Insights" is circulated around campus.

"The last three years were a challenge, and the next two won't be much better. But hopefully at the end of the next two years the economy will improve and the state will be able to provide more funding for education," Sutphin said. "It's encouraging, however, that the Legislature saw fit to increase funding for the upcoming college term, although it was a slight increase."

The school receives funding from three major sources, the state, county funds, and student tuition and fees. The state is the largest provider, and Sutphin and his staff remain hopeful that the future will bring larger state funding for the community college.

"I'm a perpetual optimist - I always try to look for the good," Sutphin said. "The bottom line is that we make sure the students get what they came here to get.

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For [illegible] ECCC administrators were forced to raise tuition to compensate for trickling state funds. According to Sutphin, tuition per semester stood at $500 in 2001-02. For 2002-03 the cost per semester was raised to $600, and increased a second time to $700 in 2002-03. Tuition will remain at $700 for upcoming college term.

State funding is based on enrollment status, Sutphin explained. All 15 community

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ECCC holds tuition steady

■ Tuition will stay at $700 per semester, despite state's financial problems.

By Trisha Niswander
The Newton Record

East Central Community College tuition rates will stay at $700 for the 2003 -'04 school year, despite the lack of much-needed state funding, East Central president Phil Sutphin said.

As a result, administrators are making efforts to tighten their budget belts. State funding, although set at a larger amount than previous years, still proved inadequate for the needs of the states 15 community colleges, including ECCC.

"To this point, we have done all that we can do to be sure that the students are not affected by the budget cuts," Sutphin said.

WEEK OF June 2

ECCC Makes Changes to Orientation Schedule

DECATUR--East Central Community College is again offering five orientation sessions, but this year's schedule has been shortened to expedite the process.

Vice President for Student Services Joe Killens said, "We are trying to make the registration more student-friendly and by using ACT (American College Test) advisories instead of the usual math and English assessment tests, we are able to make the whole process much shorter."

Students who do not have an ACT score on file or with them on orientation day will be placed in developmental math and English classes. However, schedules may be changed at a later date once the required score is on file. For students who have not taken the ACT, the College administers the test several times throughout the summer.

Killens also said students should remember that in order to receive MTAG (Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant), students must have taken the National ACT, which is also administered during the summer at East Central. Contact academic counselor Michael Alexander for ACT information.

To complete registration, students need to have the following information on file in the Office of Admissions, Records and Research: (1) a completed application for admission; (2) an ACT score (academic/technical students only; does not apply to vocational students); (3) high school transcript; and (4) college transcript if a transfer student.

During orientation, students receive their approved class schedules for the fall semester, reserve dormitory rooms and have photographs made for identification cards.

The only fee associated with orientation is a $5.00 charge to purchase parking decals. A tag number is required to purchase the decal.

Killens added, "We are planning to have everyone registered and on their way home before 1 p.m. each orientation session. Although most students will complete the process before that time, we will continue to serve the noon meal in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria and invite all students and parents to join us for lunch."

Honors orientation will be held on Friday, June 6, for students who have a 21 or above ACT (American College Test) score, those selected STAR students, valedictorians and salutatorians and members of the Beta Club or other honor societies.

Additional orientation sessions are scheduled Saturday, June 21; Thursday July 10; Wednesday, July 23; and Friday, August 15.

For more information contact Student Services at 1-877-462-3222, ext. 375 or 205-

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EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ECCC Board of Trustees meets with Newton County VIP's

Officials from Newton County recently visited the East Central Community College campus and were luncheon guests at the May meeting of the College's Board of Trustees. The special guests are shown with ECCC trustees from Newton County. First row, from left, are Jimmy Johnson, District Five supervisor; Rebecca McElhenney, purchasing clerk; Pat Addy, tax assessor/collector; Bubba Bonds, District Four supervisor; James Smith, District Two supervisor. Second row, from left, are ECCC trustee Bill Thames of Newton; George Hayes, chancery clerk; Kenneth Harris, District One supervisor; and Rodney Bounds, circuit clerk. Back row, from left, are ECCC trustees Beverly Hart of Union, Dr. Danny Lanier of Little Rock, Robert Blount of Union and Jack Winstead of Lawrence. Gary McDill of Conehatta is also a Board member from Newton County.

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Boykin joins ECCC staff

Special to The Record

Regena Boykin of Conehatta was recently selected technology management assistant at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president.

Boykin, who began her new duties on May 1, 2003, previously served as office clerk for East Central Mississippi Health Care in Sebastopol.

She is also a former network control technician for World Com/SkyTel, and served as a computer specialist at Maxim Manufacturing Corporation in Sebastopol.

She began her career as an inventory/purchasing clerk at Easom Hardware in Sebastopol.

A graduate of Sebastopol High School, Boykin received a computer technology certificate from the Forest/Scott County Vocational-Technical Center and earned an Associate Degree of Applied Science in Computer Programming at ECCC.

Boykin

Her husband is James Boykin and they have an infant son, Wesly.

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Raytheon Donates Computers, Equipment To ECCC

Raytheon Systems Southeast in Forest recently donated various technologies valued at approximately $9800 to East Central Community College in Decatur. Included in the contribution are computers, monitors, printers, hubs, scanners and hard drives. Pictured at the presentation are (from left) Chris Clark, Workforce Development Coordinator and Jeff Hitt, Work-Based Learning Coordinator, of the ECCC Workforce Development Center; Randy Norman, Randy Weston, Rebecca Owens, Joan Parks, Bob Coward and Todd Weissinger, all of Raytheon; and Roger Whitlock, Director of the ECCC Workforce Development Center. East Central partners with Raytheon and other industries and businesses in the delivery of training programs customized for technologically preparing the existing workforce in the five-county district. For more information contact the ECCC Workforce Development Center, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 299. (Photo by Dan Morick of Raytheon Systems Southeast)

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Adults can try college free at ECCC

To encourage adult students to attend college, East Central Community College in Decatur continues to offer the first course free to any adult 21 years of age or older in the five-county district who has not previously enrolled in the college and who otherwise meets entrance requirements.

Adult students who qualify for the special program must have graduated from high school or passed the GED (General Education Development) Test and have been out of school for more than one year. The $65 per semester hour fee will be waived for the first course only.

Interested students should contact the Office of Admissions, Records and Research at East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 207, or toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 207.

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East Central Community College observed its annual awards day program May 1, where numerous students were honored, including six who were inducted into the college's hall of fame, the highest honor a student can achieve at ECCC.

Selected for the prestigious honor for 2002-2003 were Sarah Allard of Union, David Burt of Newton, Jaclyn Evans of Bay Springs, Jimmy Hall of Lena, April McAdory of Philadelphia and Vickie Powe of Philadelphia.

In addition to the Hall of Fame honorees, various academic honors were presented as well as a number of awards for extracurricular activities.

Students receiving vocational awards were Kenny Gomillion of Morton, cabinetmaking; Robert Hardy of Lawrence, carpentry; Vanessa Barton of Walnut Grove and Pamela Lane of Union, cosmetology; Allen Jackson of Philadelphia, welding and cutting; Dawn Cooksey of Conehatta and Debbie McInnish of Carthage, licensed practical nursing; and Patricia Phillips of Union was named Vocational Student of the Year.

Recipients of technical awards were Christopher Gordon of Union, collision repair; Curtis Brown of Stonewall, automotive technology; Latahua Sledge of Philadelphia, child development; Ethel DuBose of Shubuta, computer technology; Matthew Smith of Morton, electrical technology; Ryan McCann of Philadelphia, electronics; Bridget Worthy of Louisville, gerontology; Thomas Hitt of Little Rock, heating and air conditioning; Eddie Alexander of Little Rock, first year machine shop; Vontreal Hunt of Louisville, second year machine shop; Eli Fulton of Little Rock, computer network support; Tara Moore of Little Rock, surgical technology; and Eric Gunn of Forest, technical student of the year."

Special awards were presented to Nathan Stamper of Decatur, citizenship; Betty Janette Robinson of Carthage, ECCC Players; Natalie Duncan of Lake and Adam McAdory of Louisville, ECCC Singers; Sharon Gaddis of Carthage and Terance Anderson of Preston, ECCC Gospel Choir; Elizabeth Harrell of Carthage, EC Environmental Club; Timothy Fieber of Philadelphia, Richard Fisher Organic Chemistry; Coco Graham of Philadelphia, Philadelphia-Neshoba County Arts Council Scholarship; Glenda Brown of Union, Ruth Carr-Vincent Award for Academic Excellence in Nontraditional Education; Steven McGee of Lawrence, Kappa Kappa Iota Scholarship; Joseph Charlton of Little Rock, Timothy Fieber of Philadelphia, Luke McNair of Hickory and Eric Townsend of Forest, freshman mathematics awards; Stephan Sykes of Lawrence and Adam Joseph Wall of Forest, sophomore mathematics awards; Glenda Brown of Union, secondary education award; Adam Franklin Mann of Philadelphia, S. Lebrun Hutchison Engineering; Amy Warner of Louisville, Myrtle R. Hutchison Elementary Education; Ashley Fleming of Philadelphia, Margaret Mosal Award for Leadership; Jenna Talbert of Newton, Ann Burkes Phi Theta Kappa; Ashley Ogletree of Sebastopol, Mississippi Business Education Association student award; Jennifer Carson of Decatur, Alyne Simmons Recruitment Grant; Luke McNair of Hickory, Spanish; Beth Wedgeworth of Forest, Outstanding Associate Degree Outstanding Achievement; and David Burt of Newton, Walter Arno Vincent Award for Academic Excellence in Athletics.

Alumni memorial award recipients included Tyler Rodgers of Louisville, Billy Wayne Baucum, secondary education; Mary Margaret Irons of Philadelphia, Opal McMullan Dickerson Elementary Education; Grayson England of Philadelphia, Alatha Chaney English Award; Stephan Sykes of Lawrence, W.A. Coursey, Jr. Engineering; Lisa Chamblee of Carthage, Sue Yarbrough Fulgham

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Speech; Andrew Massey of Louisville, William S. Griffin Men's Intramural; Charlene Foreman of Little Rock and Tim Morgan of Lake, Hunter J. Hunter Award for Athletic Managers; Adam Joseph Wall of Forest, Danny Ray Killens Engineering; Jimmy Hall of Lena and Lance Hall of Forest, Jack B. Mayo Phi Theta Kappa awards; Timothy Fieber of Philadelphia, Dr. Edwin Miller Medical Services; Kevin Bobbitt of Lake, Howard Sessums Men's Basketball; and Pete McBride of Forest, Andrew F. Webb Football.

Faculty memorial awards were presented to Elizabeth Johnson of Philadelphia, J. Wallace Bedwell Business; Joseph Charlton of Little Rock, Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry; Emily Mayes of Decatur, Hubert G. Fick Memorial; Ashley Fleming of Philadelphia, Frank Edwin and Nena Hall Leatherwood Biology Science; Luke McNair of Hickory, J. Andy Miller Freshman Engineering; Michelle Alawine of Union, O.L. Newell Drafting; Pinkey Gordon of Carthage, Charles E. Pennington Business Technology; Amy Warner of Louisville, General William Patrick Wilson General Academic Award; Adam McAdory of Louisville, Leon Eubanks Kaljyc-Peers; Courtney Puckett of Louisville, Ruth Hull Wo-He-Lo; Shelley Brake of Florence, L.B. Simmons History; and Blair Anderson of Decatur, Thomas W. Thrash Scholarship.

Various students also received transfer scholarships to colleges and universities. Jimmy Hall of Lena is the 2003 recipient of a community college transfer scholarship to the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. April McAdory of Philadelphia received one of only 10 leadership scholarships presented statewide by the University of Mississippi this year. Josh Jenkins of Carthage, a sophomore member of the ECCC Scholars Bowl team, also received a scholarship to the University of Mississippi in recognition of his outstanding performance during the Ken Wooten Scholars Bowl competition held at Ole Miss.

The University of Mississippi also presented transfer scholarships to Megan Logan of Newton and Christen Herrington of Carthage.

Students receiving scholarships to the University of Southern Mississippi include Terance Anderson of Preston, football manager scholarship; Eric Gunn of Forest, Phi Theta Kappa Achievement Award; and Maranda Burks of Philadelphia, Ashley Jones of Newton, Kimberly Stone of Carthage and Sarah Allard of Union who received leadership scholarships. Allard also received a scholarship to attend the University of Southern Mississippi, named in honor of Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president.

Mississippi State University transfer scholarship recipients include Jonathan Bates and Gregory Butler, both of Morton; Emma Chisolm, Leslie Vance and Terrisa Myrick, all of Union; Andrew Cooley of Chunky; James Cowart of Star; Chris Davis of Louisville; Cathy Deason, Mary Margaret Irons, Elizabeth Johnson, Kevin Langley and Carrie Shrock, all of Philadelphia; Jaclyn Evans of Bay Springs; Jennifer Gibson, Lance Hall, Colin Smith and Adam Wall, all of Forest; Ricky Graves of Lena; Doralyn Grimes, Jenifer Lee and John Petty, all of Carthage; Jessica Nester of Lake; Stephan Sykes of Lawrence; and Kerry Gilmer of Little Rock.

Additional transfer scholarship recipients include David Burt of Newton and Nathan Stamper of Decatur, Hannibal-LaGrange College in Hannibal, Missouri; Christy Fedrick and Vickie Powe, both of Philadelphia; April Jones of Forest and Amy Rawson of Carthage, Mississippi College; Stacie Phillipson, Belhaven College in Jackson; Amanda Thompson of Louisville, Mississippi University for Women in Columbus; and Brody Perkins of Carthage, University of West Alabama.

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WEEK OF June 9

Education Notes

ECCC announces spring semester honor roll

Students named to the 2003 spring semester honor roll, which includes those selected to the Presidents List, Deans List and Honorable Mention List, have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to Donna Luke, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

Those named to the Presidents List, students with a 4.0 grade point average, include the following:

PRESIDENTS LIST:

LOUISVILLE: LaToya Shaunette Davis, Page Williamson Holdiness, Kayla L. Jernigan, Marinda L. Johnson, Jodi P. Kelley, James Taylor Kirk, Jordan E. Kirk, John A. McAdory, Christopher M. Moody, Audra L. Myers, Kristin Rainey Swindle, Amy L. Warner, Kelly E. Whiteside, Bridget Triplett Worthy and William Joshua Weaver.

NOXAPATER: Matthew L. Reynolds and Jason Scott Robinson.

DEANS LIST

The Dean's List includes the following students who achieved a 3.5 or above grade point average:

LOUISVILLE: Everett J. Bane, Chris M. Clark, Wanda F. Drewry, Roy M. Gholston, Joseph E. Harsh, Ashley R. Hemphill, Donna Michelle Hopkins, Alan F. Krajewski, Kelli E. Linch, Amanda L. Loyd, Andrew H. Massey, Tracey D. McCracken, Anthony Shane McDaniel, Charles W. Quinn, Dana Margaret Quinn, James T. Rogers, Rachel G. Smith, Gabriel Ellis Snow, Frances C. Warmack, Eric L. Yarbrough, Sonja Johnson Yarbrough and Charles B. Wood.

NOXAPATER: Chiquta Glass Brown, Kimberly Cook Parker, Kristen L. Persons and Lacey L. Sanborn.

HONORABLE MENTION

The following students were named to the Honorable Mention List and earned a 3.0 or above grade point average:

LOUISVILLE: Elizabeth Anthony, Twanda Lowery Brazzle, Jemarcus L. Coleman, Chris Davis, Jessica N. Davis, Alisa Flake Duncan, Lashonda Triplett Foster, Krista Garretson, Virginia Hardin, Brittany L. Harris, Larae J. Hemphill, Ashley N. Howard, Vontreal D. Hunt, Alidia A. Jackson, Delisa L. Jenkins, Amber R. Jewell, Wesley Marvin Mattern, Carolyn Mays, Rose Steele Miller, Marcus Terrell Mitchell, Richard L. Moncrief, Courtney N. Puckett, Lacey Elizabeth Stapleton, LaToya A. Steele, Jonathan C. Stokes, Allison Paige Sullivan, Cortney J. Sullivan, Rhyne M. Thompson, Brandon J. Walker, Lorra Walker and We

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Eason Selected ECCC Vo-Tech Dean

Wayne Eason

DECATUR–Stating that he is ready to "join the team" at East Central Community College in Decatur, R. Wayne Eason of Meridian is preparing to begin his new duties as the College's Dean of Vocational-Technical Instruction.

Eason, whose selection was announced by ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin following the May meeting of the College's Board of Trustees, officially takes over as the College's new dean on July 1, 2003.

He comes to ECCC from the Ross Collins Career and Technical Center in Meridian, where he has served as director since 1998. He previously held the title of assistant vocational director for 10 years. He is also a former diversified technology instructor at Millsaps Vocational Center in Starkville. In addition, his experience includes serving as associate principal and industrial arts instructor at Henderson Junior High School in Starkville.

His professional affiliation includes serving as treasurer of the Mississippi Educational Computing Association. He holds the same title for the Mississippi Association of Secondary Vocational Directors. In addition, he is a member of the MathFirst - Schools-to-Careers Task Force. He is a past president of the Mississippi State University Industrial Education Association and previously served as treasurer of the College of Education Alumni Association at MSU.

Eason holds a bachelor's degree in industrial arts education and a master's degree in vocational education, both from Mississippi State University.

He is married to the former Tammy Chance of Jackson and they have three children, Amanda, Dee and Rob.

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ECCC announces Spring Semester Honor Roll

DECATUR--Students named to the 2003 spring semester honor roll, which includes those selected to the President's List, Dean's List and Honorable Mention List, have been announced at East Central Community College in Decatur, according to Donna Luke, Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

Those named to the President's List, students with a 4.0 grade point average, include the following:

PRESIDENT'S LIST

CONEHATTA: Ramsey Waylon King and Johnny D. Moore.

LAKE: Eric D. Gunn, Jessica Griffin Nester, Doreen Pettit Stroud and Amy L. Wilkerson.

LAWRENCE: Robert Charles Hardy and Stephan K. Sykes.

The Dean's List includes the following students who achieved a 3.5 or above grade point average:

CONEHATTA: Ron Levelle Anderson, John Anthony Lampkin, Erin Louise McDill and Shavon Willis.

LAKE: Stacy Elizabeth Amis, Thomas Christopher Anderson, William L. Dooley, Jessica N. Hollingsworth, Willey Aaron Johnston and Craig R. Martin.

LAWRENCE: Gary Wayne Alford, Shane Aaron Johnston, Steven McGee and Stephanie Hall McLemore.

HONORABLE MENTION

The following students were named to the Honorable Mention List and earned a 3.0 or above grade point average:

CONEHATTA: Stephanie D. Cooksey, Nelda Engram, Shana L. Graham, Kristin Milea Hedrick, Billy Wayne Johnson, Randolph N. May, Martha McWhorter, Cassidy Michelle Nickey, Amanda K. Wilcher, Terrance Williamson and Kristen L. Willis.

LAKE: Brian Beckwith, Shawna M. Clark, Wendy Lynn Cooksey, Odena S. Cox, Tasha Nicole Dansby, Natalie Duncan, Bradley G. Edmondson, Terri Everett Graham, Chloris Nicole Hornsby, Frances Emmons Johnson, Robert Casey Johnson, Hollie P. Mabry, Courtney Wooten Rushing, Melissa E. Sorey, Kimyatta Viverette, and Brian Waltman.

LAWRENCE: Bridgette Clanton Ellis, Jonathan Jacobs and John William May.

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Jam-packed Huff Auditorium hea

Newton County welcomed the Evers family back to Decatur for a commemoration service to honor one of their native sons, the late Medgar Evers.

A jam-packed Huff Auditorium served as the scene for last Tuesday's event. Speaker after speaker extolled the virtues of Evers' life.

Evers' widow, Myrlie Evers Williams, thanked the crowd for their attendance. She also thanked the committee that planned the event, the Newton County board of supervisors and aldermen from Hickory, Newton, Union and Decatur for resolutions honoring Evers' contributions for civil rights.

"This has been a most remarkable evening," Williams said. "The town of Decatur, Mississippi, the county of Newton and the state of Mississippi has sent a message to the international world today, tonight and time yet to come. This is a new Mississippi.

"It is not one without faults. It is not one without racism. We certainly know that because we live it. But it is far from what it was 40 years ago. As Charles and Medgar said, once the evils of segregation are removed, Mississippi will be the best place in the nation to live. Medgar believed that and he gave his life for it."

Tuesday night's program was to commemorate Evers on the 40th anniversary of his assassination. He was killed by a sniper's bullet in 1963 by Byron De La Beckwith, who has since gone to prison and died.

Williams said her earliest memory of Medgar was when the two were students at Alcorn A&M college, now Alcorn State University. She said that Medgar told her just two weeks after they met that she was going to be his wife and have their children.

"But you didn't tell me you loved me," said Williams. "He said 'When I do love you I'll let you know it'," she said to rousing laughter.

Williams touted Evers as her "Teacher,

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through the rest, you notice a white piece of correspondence tucked in with a catalog and some other bills. It looks unfamiliar. You wrinkle your brow. The return address says it's from the local circuit clerk or the clerk of a federal court. You wonder, for an instant, what business you have with these folks. Then it hits you like a hammer: Jury duty.

Likely as not, the next word you utter can't be printed in a family newspaper.

Across Mississippi in unprecedented numbers, people have come loathe jury service. They seek to avoid it in every way possible.

This is frustrating for judges ˜ very frustrating ˜ because while everything else having to do with courts and justice can be tinkered with, nothing can replace the role of 12 citizens, good and true, willing to hear conflicting evidence and make hard decisions.

But that reality must compete with another: Today, we can't ˜ or think we can't ˜ miss work. We might have a doctor's appointment made months in advance that showing up at the courthouse would cause us to miss.

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More often than not, it's sit and wait, sit and wait. Fill out a form, and wait some more.

Yes, judges and attorneys will get around to offering their profuse thanks, but it's a miserable experience. Jurors do get paid, but it's usually enough to cover about half a day's baby-sitting cost.

Last year in Vicksburg, a trial judge locked up a no-show juror overnight. It doesn't happen often, but the judge was within the law. Ignoring a summons is a crime, punishable by three days in the Gray-bar Hotel and a $1,000 fine. But the man locked up here was openly defiant.

Would a judge really lock up a preacher who was booked to conduct a revival in another county and whose summons "got lost" in the mail?

The law provides several specific excuses for those who want them.

Anyone 65 or older can opt out of serving, period. People can get excuses for fam-

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Local college goes digital, improves campus-wide communications

special to The Star

While the majority of people understand how technology, when used effectively, can create efficiencies that were not possible five or 10 years ago, budget crunching and belt tightening on the local and state level have left many college presidents with the task of justifying expenditures.

East Central Community College in Decatur is bucking the trend and spending the necessary money to ensure that students, faculty and administrative staff have access to the most powerful software available in the higher education industry today.

ECCC turned to the leading developer of software in the higher education industry, Jenzabar Inc. of Cambridge, Mass. Jenzabar is the only company to offer a software package that integrates and connects each end of a college campus.

According to ECCC President Phil A Sutphin, the college found a great partner in Jenzabar.

"Not only did Jenzabar meet our expectations in terms of installation costs and support, but the Jenzabar Internet Campus Solution enables students, faculty and administrative staff to communicate more easily and to complete assignments in record time because our campus is now connected electronically from end-to-end," Sutphin said.

Sutphin added that Jenzabar provides ECCC with a competitive advantage over other schools in the local and statewide area.

"We feel that by offering students and faculty the most powerful tools on the market we can better prepare graduates for the work force," Sutphin said.

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ECCC To Celebrate 75th Anniversary

Lucille Wood has spent most of her 50-year career in education on the campus of East Central Community College.

Wood will offer her observations of the College she has served for almost five decades when ECCC celebrates its 75th anniversary during a special program scheduled for August 28 on the Decatur campus. Activities get underway with a reception scheduled from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Gold Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria. The program begins at 10:45 a.m. in Huff Auditorium and will be followed by lunch provided on the East Mall near the cafeteria.

Wood, who joined the ECCC staff in 1956 following three years teaching and coaching at Copiah-Lincoln Community College, said her comments will mostly be about the "people" of East Central Community College.

"I plan to talk about the individuals who laid the foundation of what East Central Community College is today. In addition to recognizing former presidents and administrators for their leadership, I will also speak about teachers and students of this institution who have played significant roles in the success of East Central. I also plan to recognize alumni who have excelled in various endeavors. On a lighter note, I will mention the various traditions once observed at the College, such as May Day, Sadie Hawkins Day, etc., and will also point out the various changes in clothing styles through the years. I'll conclude my remarks on a more personal note by talking about what East Central Community College has done for me," Wood said.

Making plans for the August 28 convocation commemorating the 75th anniversary of the founding of East Central Community College are committee members (from left) Ovid Vickers, retired English instructor; Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, vice president for instruction; Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, president; and Lucille Wood, physical education/education instructor and former Lady Warrior head basketball coach. Activities get underway at 10:45 a.m. in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus.

A native of Winston County, Wood teaches physical education and education classes at the College and serves as Chair of the Social Science Department. She served as head coach of the Lady Warrior basketball team from 1974-1986, guiding her squads to two state champi-

dent of the ECCC Alumni Association, and was twice chosen as president of the ECCC Faculty Club. She is also a former HEADWAE (Higher Education Day – Working Toward Academic Excellence) Instructor of the Year, a program sponsored by the

Copeland has served as Board Chairman since 1996. He has accumulated more than 35 years service as Board member.

Dr. Sutphin, who began his tenure as president in July 2000, said the College has obviously "changed and grown" a lot since its founding 75

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ECCC Holds Homecoming October 4

Recipients of annual Alumni Association awards and members of women's "club teams" during a 20-year period are among special groups being honored during Homecoming activities scheduled Saturday, October 4 at East Central Community College in Decatur.

The theme of this year's celebration, "75 Years With You in Mind – Quality Education Lasts Forever," commemorates the 75th anniversary of the College's founding in 1928.

Honorees for the 2003 observance include Frances Harris Smith (Class of 1930) of Decatur, Alumna of the Year, Dr. Milton Matthews (Class of 1958) of Pearl, Alumnus of the Year; Dana Dear of Hickory, Academic Instructor of the Year; and Katherine Buckman of Bay Springs, Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year. Also being recognized are four new members of the College's Athletic Hall of Fame – the late Roy Baker of Jackson (Class of 1956), Imogene Johnson Borganelli (Class of 1947) of Greenville, Rex Keeton (Class of 1964) of Taylorsville and Mark Killens (Class of 1978) of Newton.

More than 60 members of women's club teams from 1956 to 1975 plan to attend reunion activities and receive their varsity letters, according to event organizer and coach Lucille Wood.

Wood said the event is something she has anticipated doing for a long time. "The ladies who played on the ECJC basketball, tennis and volleyball teams from 1956 to the spring of 1975 truly paved the way for women's sports as they are known today.

"They wore with pride homemade uniforms with felt cut-out numbers sewn on. They paid for their own shoes and meals, and did not receive scholarships. They were true amateur athletes, and if it were not for these women, there would be no Title IX and none of the opportunities that are available for women athletes today. They deserve to have EC letters just like the varsity athletes of today."

Wood noted that many club team members were campus leaders and involved in various activities.

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Other reunion groups scheduled to meet include the Class of 1937, Classes of 1957, 1958 and 1959, the Alumni Band and Centralettes, and members of all classes ending in "3."

For more information regarding Homecoming 2003, contact the Foundation and Alumni Relations Office, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327. The email address is sholling@eccc.edu.

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ECCC To Observe 75th Anniversary During Special Program August 28

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A reception from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Gold Room of Mabry Memorial Cafeteria officially begins the day,s activities and will be followed by a program slated to start at 10:45 a.m. in Huff Auditorium.

Lucille Wood, longtime ECCC faculty member and former women,s basketball coach, will be the featured speaker. Also speaking will be Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, current ECCC president, and former presidents Dr. Eddie M. Smith of Decatur and Arno Vincent of Meridian.

Other program participants are General Denver Brackeen of Union, representing the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges; Prentice Copeland of Philadelphia, Chairman of the ECCC Board of Trustees; Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, ECCC vice president for instruction; and the Rev. Chris Vowell of Philadelphia. The ECCC Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Chris Jenkins, will provide special music.

A complimentary lunch will be served on the East Mall (near the cafeteria) following the ceremony.

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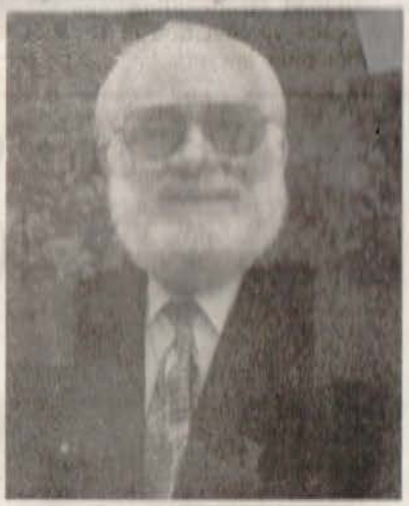

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Photography Exhibit

A photography exhibit featuring the works of East Central Community College alumnus Ann Hunter Burkes (left) of Decatur officially kicks off homecoming activities October 2-4, 2003, on the Decatur campus. Burkes and art instructor Bruce Guraedy display examples of Burkes' expertise that will be on display during a reception scheduled from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, October 2 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center lobby. There is no charge for admission and refreshments will be served. As part of each year's homecoming celebration, Guraedy, who also serves as Chairman of the Fine Arts Division, invites alumni to showcase their artwork. Burkes, who recently retired as the College's head librarian, is a member of the ECCC Class of 1963.

2003 ECCC Homecoming Court

Members of the 2003 Homecoming Court include (from left) freshman maids Courtney "Coco" Yates of Louisville, Natalie Cole of Meridian, Amy Ealy of Forest and Lacey Brantley of Carthage; queen Renee Thompson of Pelahatchie; maid of honor Latashia Tatum of Newton; and sophomore maids Brittany Harris of Louisville, Brandi Brown of Pelahatchie and Dian Walters of Philadelphia.

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Kelly Cluff

Kelly Cluff of Hickory is the College's new computer network support technology instructor.

Cluff, a native of Vietnam, is co-owner of ITG Consulting in Meridian and serves as account executive for Cross-Walk, a Christian newspaper. He is also a member of the Marine Corps Reserves.

He is a former information technology manager for Ideal Software Systems in Meridian. He also has experience as an analyst programmer III for the Department of Administration, Division of Administrative Services, for the State of Alaska.

Cluff is a member of Central United Methodist Church in Meridian, where he is a Sunday school teacher. He serves as secretary/treasurer of the Newton County Elementary School PTO and is a member of the Newton Rotary Club.

He received an associate in arts degree in business administration from ECCC, and holds an associate in science degree in computer office administration and programming from the Alaska Computer Institute.

He is married to Carla Jacome-Cluff and they have two daughters, Emily Jacome-Cluff and Katherine Jacome-Cluff.

Barry Mason

Barry Mason of Union was recently selected EMT-Paramedic instructor.

Mason also serves as a paramedic with Emergystat, Inc., and Neshoba County Emergency Medical Services. He previously served as a radiology assistant at Lackey Memorial Hospital in Forest. He has more than 10 years experience in the health-related field.

In addition, Mason is a former adjunct instructor for ECCC in the EMT-Basic program.

A graduate of Tylertown High School, Mason attended ECCC and holds the associate of arts degree from Northwest Mississippi Community College and the associate of applied science degree in paramedicine from Jones County Junior College.

He is married to the former Mellisa Woods of Philadelphia. They have three sons, Matthew, Cody and Lee Harrison, and a daughter, Morgan.

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Announcers set for ECCC 2003 campaign

DECATUR--Frank Edmondson returns for his seventh year as public address announcer for Warrior football games. Edmondson, a veteran radio and television broadcaster with more than 28 years of experience, is a former radio announcer for University of Mississippi Lady Rebel basketball games and Ole Miss junior varsity contests. He also previously served as public address announcer for Columbus Caldwell High School football games and Verona Junior High School football action. Edmondson is editor/owner of the ***The Lake Messenger***, a weekly newspaper he began publishing in 1996. He is also an ordained minister and serves as pastor of Cooperville Baptist Church near Morton. He is married to the former Elizabeth Saucier of Oxford and they have three sons: Palani, Jeff and Bradley.

Frank Edmondson

Mike Goodwin of Carthage begins his 19th season as the radio voice for East Central Community College football games. Since 1983, Goodwin has broadcast ECCC athletic events on his WSSI-FM (98.3) radio station in Carthage. However, Goodwin sold the station this summer to Boswell Broadcasting of Kosciusko and the station is now known as Kicks98 (WCKK). Warrior football games can now be heard on WZKR-FM (103.3) in Meridian, featuring Goodwin and game analyst Gilbert Barham of Philadelphia. In addition to broadcasting Warrior football games, Goodwin has called the action for numerous Warrior and Lady Warrior basketball games, including almost all post-season competition. He has also provided coverage of the Diamond Warriors, broadcasting the annual "Judges Cup" and post-season action. Goodwin is a decorated veteran of the Vietnam conflict. He and his wife Linda, who also provides assistance during the broadcast of Warrior athletic events, have three grown children, Michelle, Chris and Kimberly. The Goodwins also have two grandchildren, Meagan Hopkins and Katelyn Massey.

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Memorial scholarship honors Jeff, Kathy Hitt

The family and in-laws of Jeff and Kathy Hitt have established for the fall of 2003 a scholarship that honors their memory and Jeff's devotion to Christ, education and personal success.

Jeff Hitt, 31, a workforce learning coordinator at ECCC, died recently. Kathy, Jeff's sister, died when she was a child.

Jeff was a life-long resident of Union, MS, where he graduated with honors from Union High School, East Central Community College, The University of Mississippi and Mississippi State University.

The Hitt scholarship will be awarded for two semesters to a person selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee and the Hitt/Henley family from the interest of the endowment. The scholarship will be awarded based on the following requirements:

The student must plan to enroll full-time in the semester after graduating from high school and be committed to earning an Associate's Degree from ECCC with plans to continue studies for a Bachelor's Degree;

Be a resident of the five-county ECCC district and a legal resident of the state of Mississippi;

Must have earned at least a 3.0 average in all high school classes and maintain a 2.5 average in all ECCC classes to continue to receive the scholarship;

Must have earned 9 hours after the first semester to continue receiving the scholarship during the following semester and earned a cumulated total of 21 hours during the second semestetr to be eligible for two additional semesters;

Must have an ACT composite score of 18;

Must be active in a church and an active leader in school or civic organizations;

Must demonstrate a need for financial assistance on a current student federal financial aid form;

Preference will be given to someone who plans to pursue degree in Education field;

Must provide letters of recommendation from his/her high school principal and pastor of his/her church.

If no applicant meets the full criteria or if an applicant selected has already met full tuition through other scholarships or awards, others may be selected.

Donations may be sent to The ECCC Foundation, PO Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327. Checks should be made out to the EC Foundation, Hitt Scholarship.

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Randal Livingston (right) of Louisville was recognized for his 15 years service as a member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior College Trustees held earlier this summer. Livingston is shown receiving a plaque of appreciation from ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

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Savell on EC faculty

Christy Savell of Decaturis new to the EC ADN faculty.

Savell previously served as a licensed practical nursing instructor at Meridian Community College.

She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International, Phi Kappa Phi, the Mississippi Nurses Association and Oakland Baptist Church.

Savell is a graduate of Beulah Hubbard Attendance Center, Meridian Community College, where she received an associate in arts degree in nursing, and the Meridian branch of the University of Southern Mississippi, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in nursing from USM.

She is married to David Savell, who is also an ECCC alumnus. They have a son, Cody McMahan, and a daughter, Sydni, both students at Newton County

Wilson joins EC Vo-Tech faculty

Bill Wilson of Decatur joins the ECCC vocational-technical faculty as heating and air conditioning technology instructor.

Wilson was previously employed as a service technician at NAPA Massey, Inc. in Decatur. He is also a former service technician at Decatur Electric Store.

A graduate of Newton County High School, Wilson received associate in applied science degrees in precision machining technology and heating and air conditioning technology, both from ECCC.

Wilson received various honors while a student at ECCC, including winning first-place honors in the major appliance repair at the Mississippi Skills USA/ VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) contest, and represented the College at the national competition in Kansas City, Missouri. Wilson was recognized as the top student in his heating and air conditioning class.

He is married to the former Pamela Kay Germany of Union, who is also an ECCC graduate. They have two chil-

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ECCC Adjunct Faculty Members
These Louisville teachers are m bers of the adjunct faculty for 2003 at East Central Community College Decatur. Seated from left are C Warner (computer instructor), An Pearl Matthews (history), Sharon R (Spanish) and Aimee Chandler (bu ness). Standing from left are Syl Wright (mathematics), Shannon Sm (personal and community healt Peggy Snow (computer), Ed Fau (forestry) and Larry McCullough (ma ematics). They were among other pa time instructors who recently attend a pre-session workshop at the Colle to discuss plans for the fall term. T Office of Adult and Continui Education coordinates the annu meeting.

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ECCC Adjunct Faculty Members

Aimee Chandler (left) of Louisville and Charlotte Reeves of Carthage are members of the adjunct faculty for 2003-04 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Chandler is a business course instructor and Reeves teaches human growth and development. They were among other part-time instructors who recently attended a pre-session workshop at the College to discuss plans for the fall term. The Office of Adult and Continuing Education coordinates the annual meeting.

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McAdory

ORA MAE McADORY

Ora Mae McAdory of Louisville begins her first year as supervisor for Jackson Hall, a dormitory for female students.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, McAdory was employed as dietary manager at the Winston Medical Center, a position she had held since 1976. She also has experience working for local industries.

McAdory attended Louisville High School and received certification in dietary management from the Dietary Managers Association of Chicago, Illinois, and from North Dakota University.

She was married to the late Charles (Sam) Davis McAdory, and they had three sons, Charles Davis McAdory, Jr. of Pontotoc, and Paul Davis McAdory and Jim Davis McAdory, who reside in Louisville, and six grandchildren.

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EC family mourns loss of friend, fellow faculty member Jeff Hitt

The sudden death of 31-year-old Jeff Hitt, who was about to begin his second year as East Central Community College's Work-Based Learning Coordinator, continues to be on the minds of his colleagues and many friends.

Hitt, who lived in Union, collapsed near his home while jogging early Thursday, August 14. According to press reports, he was revived and transported first to Laird Hospital in Union and later to Anderson Hospital in Meridian where he died the following day. The cause of death appeared to have been sudden death syndrome.

Services for Hitt were held Monday, August 15, 2003, at Hickory Baptist Church with the Revs. Rodney Anderson, Paul Swindle, Ed Dickerson, Wayne Dickerson, Paul Oglesby and Rick Beason officiating. Jeremy Swindle provided special music. Burial was in Hudson Chapel Church of God Cemetery, with Milling Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Completed 1st Year

Hitt had completed his first year on the ECCC staff, serving not only as WBL coordinator at the College's Workforce Development Center, but also as a recruiter for Student Services.

Roger Whitlock, WDC director, said, "It will be impossible to replace a person like Jeff Hitt."

"You can fill a job vacancy," Whitlock stated, "but you cannot replace someone like Jeff. He genuinely cared about the people he came in contact with, he paid attention to specific needs and requests, and then answered those needs and requests with his best skills and talents. He was a faithful, dependable contributor to this College and the people

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he served."

As the College's Work-Based Learning Coordinator, Hitt was responsible for placing and evaluating vocational-technical students in worksite settings who are attempting to earn a degree or upgrade their skills and knowledge base to qualify for a better career opportunity.

Made A Difference

"And thanks to Jeff's efforts, "Whitlock continued, "many students are now experiencing successful careers. Jeff was a special, gifted man who appreciated each opportunity to have a godly impact in his service of others."

When he was not helping students achieve their career goals, Hitt was recruiting students to attend East Central. He was mainly responsible for recruiting students from Leake County.

Joe Killens, Vice President for Student Services who coordinates the College's recruiting efforts, said he has also lost an "irreplaceable" staff member.

"From the first day he worked in our office as a summer recruiter about three years ago, I realized that he was someone that we needed on staff full time at East Central. When Jeff was hired by Mr. Whitlock, he continued to recruit three schools in Leake County. Jeff was one of those individuals that would go above and beyond in anything that he did. He cared about all students. He will be deeply missed as a co-worker and friend. Jeff's life is an example that we all need to try to follow. Even though his life was a short one, there is no doubt that he was ready to meet his Lord," Killens said.

ters at Hitt's funeral service. Rev. Swindle made the following comments about Hitt in another publication:

"Jeff was an extremely fine young man, one of the most honest people I've ever known. He was also very talented and a very godly man. He was as fine a person as you would ever want to be around. I think you could tell he had made an impact in many lives by the fact there were overflow crowds at both the visitation at Milling (Funeral Home in Union) and at the funeral service at Hickory Baptist Church."

3-Year Old Daughter

Whitlock added that there were three things central to Hitt's life, and one did not have to know him very long to realize what mattered most: his wife, the former Linda Henley of Hickory; their three-year-old daughter, Gillian; and his God.

"He loved his wife and daughter because God had given them to him, and he treated them like blessings from God."

Between the time Hitt collapsed and the time he died, he was on life support at the hospital. "I told someone that during Jeff's battle, there was no more worthy candidate for a miracle, nor had anyone demonstrated in their life more readiness for eternity," Whitlock stated. "And in true Jeff Hitt fashion, he was an organ donor, so even in death, he gave a quantity of other people a new chance at life."

Active in Community

Hitt was also active in numerous organizations. He was a member of the Newton County Ole Miss Alumni Association and the ECCC Alumni Association. He was treasurer of the ECCC Administration, Faculty and Staff Association, a member of the Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges, and co-sponsor of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at ECCC.

He served as an associate minister at the Union Church of God, and worked with the Union Public School System and the Newton County Alternative School prior to joining the ECCC staff. He was the sports announcer for the Newton County Academy Generals.

Associate Pastor

As an associate pastor for the Union Church of Christ, Hitt often stood in for the Rev. Paul Swindle, who was one of the officiating minis-

UHS, EC Grad

Hitt was a graduate of Union High School, ECCC (Class of 1991), the University of Mississippi, where he received a bachelor's degree in public administration, and Mississippi State University, where he earned a master's degree in counselor education.

In addition to his wife and daughter, other survivors include his parents, Bobby and Geraldine Hitt, his sister, Alethia Gail Hitt and his maternal grandmother, Eunice Dickerson, all of Union; his paternal grandmother, Effie Mae Mitchum of Cumming, GA; and his mother-in-law, Faye Chesney Henley of Hickory.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Kathy Lynn Hitt.

Pallbearers were Clay Barnett, Billy McCune, Dale Pattilo, Roger Whitlock, Ronald B. Westbrook, Scotty Russell, Chris Clark and Britt Harris. Honorary pallbearers were members of the ECCC Alumni Association and the Newton County Ole Miss Alumni Association.

WEEK OF Sept 15

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ECCC TEACHERS: These area teachers are members of the adjunct faculty for 2003-04 at East Central Community College in Decatur. Seated from left are Sharon Brewer (Life of Christ instructor), Julie Herrington (economics) and Patricia Barnett (accounting), all of Newton; Susan Smith (psychology) and Kathy Pearce (mathematics), both of Decatur; and Sue Kelly (intermediate algebra) of Lawrence. Standing from left are David Germany (English) of Union, Ruth Gregory (computer technology) of Little Rock, Derrick Fears (oral communication) and Shane Williams (criminal justice), both of Decatur; Glen Harrison (CAD) and Bob Jackson (history) and Raymond Clark (mathematics), all of Conehatta, and Bill Hamrick (forestry) of Newton. They were among other part-time instructors who recently attended a pre-session workshop at the College to discuss plans for the fall term. The Office of Adult and Continuing Education coordinates the annual meeting.

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Radio Voice

Mike Goodwin of Carthage, longtime radio "voice" of East Central Community College football games and other athletic events, received a plaque of appreciation for his many years of service to the College at the September meeting of the ECCC Board of Trustees. Goodwin, shown with Board Chairman Prentice Copeland (left) of Philadelphia and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, has broadcast Warrior athletic events since 1983 on his WSSI-FM (98.3) radio station. Goodwin recently sold the station to Boswell Broadcasting Company in Kosciusko but continues providing play-by-play of Warrior football games on WZKR-FM (103.3) in Meridian. In the resolution, Board members expressed "extreme gratitude and appreciation" to Goodwin for supporting the College and its athletic programs. (EC Photo)

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Boyd joins English faculty at East Central in Decatur

Debbie Boyd of Meridian is a new member of the English faculty at ECCC.

Boyd is a former English instructor at Meridian High School, where she also served as English department vertical chairperson. She has 22 years teaching experience on the secondary level, all with the Meridian Public School System.

Boyd

In addition, she is a former adjunct English instructor at the Meridian branch of Mississippi State University.

She is a member of Midway Baptist Church in Meridian, where she serves as Sunday school teacher and Adult Choir member.

A graduate of North Pike High School in Summit, Boyd earned an associate of arts degree from Southwest Mississippi Community College, a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, and both a master of arts and an educational specialist degree from Mississippi State University.

She is married to Dock Boyd who is a funeral director at Barham Funeral Home in Meridian.

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ECCC Welcomes New Personnel For 2003-04

KELLY CLUFF

Kelly Cluff of Hickory is the College's new computer network support technology instructor.

Kelly Cluff

Cluff, a native of Vietnam, is co-owner of ITG Consulting in Meridian and serves as account executive for Cross-Walk, a Christian newspaper. He is also a member of the Marine Corps Reserves.

He is a former information technology manager for Ideal Software Systems in Meridian. He also has experience as an analyst programmer III for the Department of Administration, Division of Administrative Services, for the State of Alaska. He previously served as a microcomputer network technician II in the Data Processing Department for Alaska's Department of Corrections. In addition, he is a former information system technician II for United Parcel Services.

Cluff is a member of Central United Methodist Church in Meridian, where he is a Sunday school teacher. He serves as secretary/treasurer of the Newton County Elementary School PTO and is a member of the Newton Rotary Club.

He received an associate in arts degree in business administration from ECCC, and holds an associate in science degree in computer office administration and programming from the Alaska Computer Institute.

He is married to Carla Jacome-Cluff and they have two daughters, Emily Jacome-Cluff and Katherine Jacome-Cluff.

SCOTT HILL

Scott Hill of Philadelphia begins his first season as coach of the Lady Warrior fast-pitch softball team. He also serves as director of intramurals.

Hill previously coached at

Scott Hill

Philadelphia High School, where he led the baseball and slow-pitch softball programs for a combined 15 years. None of his teams experienced a losing record.

Philadelphia advanced to the state baseball playoffs during seven of Hill's 10 years at the helm, compiling an overall record of 193 wins and 98 losses. His most successful season was in 1999, when the Diamond Tornadoes finished 29-13 and were the State Class 2A runners-up.

Hill's slow-pitch softball teams posted an overall 87-45 mark during his five-year tenure, which included a state championship in 2000. The 2000 squad ended season action with a 32-10 record.

He also led the cross-country and soccer programs at Philadelphia and was an assistant football coach. In addition, he served as physical education and social studies instructor.

Prior to joining the staff at Philadelphia, Hill was a teacher/coach in the Meridian Public School System.

He is a graduate of Forest High School, ECCC and Mississippi State University, where he received bachelor and master's degrees in physical education.

He is married to the former Melisa Polk of Brandon and they have two sons, Joel and Lee.

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Newton County Healthcare Scholarship Established At ECCC

DECATUR--A scholarship to attract students to the healthcare profession in Newton County was among items approved at the September meeting of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. The Newton County Healthcare Scholarship was established in August 2003 by Newton Community Healthcare, Inc., in partnership with the Grow Your Own Program. The partnership received grant funding to establish a scholarship that would benefit students of Newton County as well as the community. The scholarship is designed to attract students to the healthcare profession and have them remain in Newton County to work following graduation.

Officials with Newton Community Healthcare, Inc. meet with ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin to announce the establishment of a new scholarship to assist students enrolled in the College's nursing programs. From left are Tim Thomas, CEO, who is also administrator at Newton Regional Hospital; Coleen Stevens, secretary/treasurer, who is also president of Union Planters Bank in Newton; and Dr. Sutphin. Thomas said Newton County Healthcare "is a no-profit communityowned corporation with the purpose and mission of supporting, promoting and advancing the availability of quality healthcare services to the citizens of the Newton community and surrounding area." (EC Photo)

The scholarship will provide two students with two full years (four semesters) of tuition to attend East Central Community College. Recipients of the scholarship must be enrolled in the College's Associate Degree Nursing or Licensed Practical Nursing programs. Potential recipients must also reside in Newton County and maintain at least a 3.0 or "B" average during the four semesters at ECCC. The College's Scholarship Committee will select scholarship recipients.

For more information contact the Office of the Vice President for Student Services, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 375. The email address is jkillens@eccc.edu

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Burkes display part of homecoming

DECATUR--A photography exhibit featuring the works of East Central Community College alumnus Ann Hunter Burkes (left) of Decatur officially kicks off homecoming activities October 2-4, 2003, on the Decatur campus. Burkes and art instructor Bruce Guraedy display examples of Burkes' expertise that will be on display during a reception scheduled from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, October 2 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center lobby. There is no charge for admission and refreshments will be served. As part of each year's homecoming celebration, Guraedy, who also serves as Chairman of the Fine Arts Division, invites alumni to showcase their artwork. Burkes, who recently retired as the College's head librarian, is a member of the ECCC Class of 1963. (EC Photo)

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ECCC homecoming plans

A full day of activities is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 4, as East Central Community College continues its 75th anniversary observance with the annual homecoming celebration on the Decatur campus.

The theme of this year's event is "75 Years With You In Mind – Quality Education Lasts Forever."

Homecoming activities get underway at 9 a.m. with registration and reunion meetings scheduled on the East Mall near Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

Special groups being honored this year are the ECJC Women's Club Teams from 1956 to 1975; the Class of 1937; members of the 1957, 1958 and 1959 classes; alumni band and Centralettes; and members of all classes ending in "3."

Dr. Phil Sutphin, school president, will welcome alumni and special guests at a ceremony beginning at 10 a.m. on the Mall, followed by the awarding of diplomas to the Class of 1953.

East Central's soccer team will also be in action at 10 a.m., as they take on East Mississippi Community College in a campus match.

Members of the Warrior Club, a group that provides financial assistance for the College's athletic programs, will hold their annual meeting at 10:30 a.m. in Huff Auditorium.

The annual Alumni Awards Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

This year's honorees include Frances Harris Smith (Class of 1930), Alumna of the Year; Dr. Milton "Buddy" Matthews (Class of 1958) of Pearl, Alumnus of the Year; Dana Dear of Hickory, Academic Instructor of the Year; and Katharine Buckman of Bay Springs, Vocational-Technical Instructor of the Year. Also being recognized are new members of the College's Athletic Hall of Fame – the late Roy Baker (Class of 1956) of Clinton, Imogene Johnson Borganelli (Class of 1947) of Greenville, Rex Keeton (Class of 1965) of Taylorsville and Mark Killens (Class of 1978) of Newton.

Smith is the surviving member of the college's first class in 1928.

She is a longtime supporter of ECCC and recently established the J.B. and Frances Harris Smith Scholarship, named also in memory of her husband, a 1934 ECCC graduate.

Dr. Matthews, a Union native, serves as a consultant with JBHM Education Group, LLC, a subsidiary of JBHM Architects, PA, which specializes in designing new school buildings and renovating existing schools.

He had a distinguished career with the Mississippi Department of Education, and retired in 1996 while serving as director of the Office of Compensatory Education.

Dr. Matthews received a National Performance Review Award for his work as a member of the National Task Force for Development of Cooperative Adult Resolution and Oversight Initiative for the Office of Inspector General, United States Department of Education.

Dear has served as an instructor in the College's Associate Degree Nursing program since 1998. She also sponsors ASNEC, the ADN student nurse organization.

Honors she has received include her selection as an International Health Professional for 2003. She was select

Buckman joined the ECCC faculty in 1995. She previously taught allied health courses at the Jasper County Career Development Center, and is a former staff nurse at Jasper County General Hospital and Home Health in Bay Springs.

She serves as president-elect for the Mississippi Health Occupations Educators and was named Mississippi Health Occupation Students of America Post-Secondary Advisor of the Year in 2002.

She serves as an advisor for the ECCC HOSA organization and is a post-secondary consultant on the Mississippi HOSA Executive Board.

Baker, of Louiville, was a standout track team member at East Central Community College and Mississippi College.

At East Central, Baker won honors at the state meet his freshman and sophomore years. He tied for first place in the pole vault competition as a freshman, and finished runner-up in both the pole vault and broad jump the following season.

Baker continued his track career at Mississippi College where he concentrated on running.

He was captain of the 1958

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team, and won 28 first-place awards competing in the 100-, 220-and 440-yard dashes.

He also participated in the broad jump and high jump, and ran anchor leg in the 440-yard run and mile relay.

The highlight of Baker's career came in 1959 when he captured the Southern AAU Championship in the 220-yard dash with a time of 21.3 seconds. He also set a record in the broad jump.

Borganelli was a standout basketball player on Coach Betty Short's 1945-46 and 1946-47 Warriorette squads, serving as team co-captain her sophomore year.

She came to East Central following a stellar career at Decatur High School, where she was a three-year letterwinner.

In the spring of 1949, soon after receiving a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Mississippi, Borganelli was selected girls' basketball coach at Shaw High School.

She led the program for two seasons, and guided the 1950-51 squad to the B-BB Boliver Championship.

Keeton was a standout offensive and defensive lineman on the 1963 and 1964 Warrior football teams, who were led by head coach Dan Chatwood.

Honors Keeton received included his selection as most valuable lineman in 1964 by the Mississippi Junior College Athletic Association.

He was also named first-team All-State and was chosen team captain by his fellow Warriors.

Keeton continued his athletic career at Delta State University, where he was a two-year starter as an offensive and defensive lineman.

He also served as president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at DSU.

Highlights of his coaching career include winning the North Big Eight Conference championship and a bowl game while at Greenwood, followed by a North Little Dixie Conference title captured at Morton.

Killens had a stellar career at quarterback as a member of the 1977 and 1978 Warrior squads, directed by head coach Ken Pouncey.

He especially enjoyed success during his sophomore season, as he led the Warriors to a 6-3-1 record, which included a 21-16 upset of the undefeated Jones County Junior College Bobcats, who were ranked third in the nation prior to the season-ending match-up.

Killens received All-State and All-Star honors following the 1978 campaign.

He was also selected permanent team captain and was chosen the Warriors' most valuable offensive back.

In addition to playing football, Killens was a member of the Warrior baseball team his freshman season.

Killens continued his athletic career at Delta State University, where he was a two-year letterman.

He is also a former standout at Union High School, lettering four years in basketball and baseball, and three years in football.

A reception to showcase photography of ECCC alumna Ann Hunter Burkes of Decatur will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Former members of the Warrior soccer team will hold an alumni soccer match beginning at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3, on the college's soccer field.

Contact soccer coach Kenneth Thompson (ext. 370) for more information.

For more information about Homecoming 2003 at East Central Community College, contact the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327.

The email address is sholling@eccc.edu.

WEEK OF Oct. 27

ECCC ABE/GED Instructors. East Central Community College in Decatur recently held its fall workshop for Adult Basic Education and General Education Development instructors. The college offers ABE/GED courses throughout the five-county district, which consists of Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties. Instructors and their respective hometowns include (front row, from left) Lorene Graham, Conehatta; Susan Hisaw, Louisville; Jane Jackson, Philadelphia; Nancy Edwards, Carthage; Carol Greer, Morton; and Teresa Lovett, Forest; (second row, from left) Janice Green and Jean Landers, both of Louisville; Leann Burrows, Morton; Charlene Moncrief, Pulaski; and Ursula Pike, Union; (third row, from left) Edrice Whitley and Daphne Donald, both of Louisville; Barbara Booker, Philadelphia; Mary Townsend, Forest; and Flo Chambers, Hillsboro; and (back row, from left) Mary Burt and Bryan Burt, both of Newton; Ed McGowan, Lawrence; Glen Edwards, Carthage; and Kay Ward, Louisville.

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Bobo Named ECCC Keyboard Instructor

After serving as the ECCC's concert choir director for 2002-03, Len Bobo of Brandon is the College's new music keyboard instructor.

Bobo

In addition to his teaching duties at East Central, Bobo serves as adjunct professor of organ and college organist at Millsaps College in Jackson. He is also director of music and organist at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Jackson. He previously served as associate director of music and organist at First Presbyterian Church in Pine Bluff, Ark., and held the same title at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church in Little Rock, Ark. In all, he has more than 30 years experience serving as director of music/organist and associate director of music/organist for various churches in Arkansas and Mississippi.

Bobo is also a former visiting professor at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. In addition, he has held teaching positions at Hendrix College, also located in Conway, and at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, where he began his teaching career in 1975. He also has teaching experience on the community college level, having taught at Garland County Community College in Hot Springs, Ark. In all, he has more than 24 years of adjunct teaching experience in various university and community college environments.

Among honors received include his selection as Distinguished Alumnus by the music faculty at Mississippi College. He has also been named to Who's Who in the World, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in Entertainment and Who's Who in American Music. He is also a past recipient of the Arkansas Federation of Music Club's Arkansas Church Musician of the Year award.

Bobo has four published compositions to his credit and has completed numerous commissioned compositions for various choral groups.

He is a graduate of Warren Central High School, Hinds Junior College, Mississippi College, where he received a bachelor's degree in music; and the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, where he received a master's degree in music. He has completed additional studies at UT.

He is married to the former Pamela Jean Moore and they have two daughters, Celeste and Brittany.

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EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ECCC CLASS OF 1953 REUNION: Attend ECCC Class of 1953 Reunion Representing East Central Community College's Class of 1953 during reunion activities held as part of the Homecoming 2003 celebration Saturday, October 4 on the Decatur campus were (seated from left) Jackie Ellison, Ocean Springs; Billye Barrett Tingle, Carthage; Martha Graham, Decatur; Euner Griffin Johnson, Austwell, TX; Roxene Hall Atkinson, Starkville; Margaret Smith Johnson, Brandon; Etna Jean Gray Scarborough, Decatur; Shirley Upton Reynolds, Newton; and Elaine Spence Brown, Meridian; and (standing from left) Denver Brackeen, Union; J. P. Hurst, Hickory; William Donald, Louisville; Dr. Joe Todd, Cincinnati, OH; Durwood Vance, Newton; James Addy, Decatur; Kay Herd Lloyd, Pearl; Ruth Warren Wilson, Jackson; Don Acton, Knoxville, TN; and Frances Snuggs Brantley. Also pictured is ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin who presented "special" diplomas to class members in recognition of their 50th anniversary. The theme of this year's Homecoming was "Seventy-five Years With You In Mind – Quality Education Lasts Forever," in recognition of the College's diamond anniversary.

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Wood Receives Humanities Teacher Award

DECATUR--East Central Community College instructor Lucille Wood recently received the

Lucille Wood

College's 2003 Humanities Teacher Award, a grant sponsored by the Mississippi Humanities Council. She was honored Tuesday, October 28 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium, during which time she presented a lecture, "A Past to Remember-A Future to Fulfill," which is in celebration of the College's 75th anniversary. A reception followed in the lobby.

Wood is a native of the Calvary Community in Winston County. She is a sor of the Student Education Association and is the academic adviser for students majoring in Physical Education and Sports Medicine.

From 1975 to 1985, Wood served as women's basketball coach at the College and from 1987 to 1997 she served as Region 23 Director for Women's Athletics.

During her tenure at East Central, Wood has also coached tennis and volleyball, served as cheerleader sponsor, was director of women's intramurals and served as coordinator of the once-annual May Day festivities for 18 years.

She twice served as president of the ECCC Alumni Association and is credited with beginning alumni memorial awards presented each year at Awards Day. The College also began presenting alumni awards during her tenure as the Association's president.

Wood has been recognized for many athletic accomplishments including helping organize college tennis in Mississippi as it remains today. She was also very instrumental in organizing women's basketball in Mississippi and its return as an NJCAA-sanctioned sport.

In 1975, Wood was selected as the first president of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association in Mississippi. She was coach of the first Mississippi Junior College All-Star women's basketball team in 1978 and was selected the Mississippi Association of Coaches "Coach of the Year" in

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ECCC honors Wood ...

East Central Community College instructor and former women's basketball coach Lucille Wood, center, was honored during Homecoming festivities on Oct. 4 by members of her women's club teams. Wood organized a reunion of the women who played on basketball, volleyball and tennis club teams at East Central Junior College from 1956 to 1975 and presented them with varsity letters. In turn, they presented her with a bouquet of roses and a commemorative pillow signed by the players. Club team members who presented the gifts were Lois Blount Cooper (left) of Decatur and Peggy Nickell McQueen of Little Rock, Ark.

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Philly-Neshoba Vo-Tech Center celebrates 20 years

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia-Neshoba Vo-Tech Center marked 20 years of service to the community in October.

The Vo-Tech Center was established in 1983 as a division of East Central Community College in Decatur in cooperation with the Philadelphia Separate School District and the Neshoba County School District.

It offers professional instruction in six career areas for students in grades 10th through 12th. High school courses offered include allied health, automotive service technology, business and computer technology, clothing-apparel-textile management production, metal trades and technology applications.

The center also offers college credit courses through East Central Community College, CEU credit courses for adults and GED testing.

In addition, the Center houses ECCC's Workforce Development Productivity Enhancement Lab, which provides start-up training for industry and industrial training as needed.

For more information on the services provided by the Center, call 601-656-8544.

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ATTEND ECCC CLASS OF 1943 REUNION: Representing East Central Community College's Class of 1943 during reunion activities held as part of the Homecoming 2003 celebration Saturday, October 4 on the Decatur campus were (from left) Lois Woodward Pennington of Decatur, Maria Williamson Davis of Grenada and Charles Arlin Carter of Madison. The theme of this year's Homecoming was "Seventy-five Years With You In Mind-Quality Education Lasts Forever," in recognition of the College's diamond anniversary.

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ECCC sets enrollment record for 19th consecutive year

DECATUR — For the 19th consecutive year, a record number of students is attending East Central Community College in Decatur, where enrollment nears the 2,700 mark for the 2003 fall term.

Donna Luke, director of admissions, records and research, said 2,698 students are officially enrolled at the two-year college, which represents a 7.7 percent increase (or 195 students) compared to the 2002 fall term, when a then-record 2,503 students registered for classes on the Decatur campus and at various locations throughout the College's five-county district.

Included in the record enrollment are 1,836 academic students, 757 technical students and 105 students in vocational courses.

Luke said 1,703 students are freshmen and 995 students are classified as sophomores.

Most of the students – 2,325 – reside in the College's district, which includes Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

Part-time enrollment at the College has increased 4.5 percent, as compared to the same period last year. She said 616 students are currently taking classes, compared to 589 students who enrolled in the 2002 fall semester.

ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin said the enrollment record reflects the quality of education offered at the College.

"The College's increase in enrollment continues a 19-year pattern of uninterrupted growth," he said. "We are very appreciative of the confidence students have in the College's reputation as a learning college and we will continue to provide quality instruction to those who continue to pursue their educational goals."

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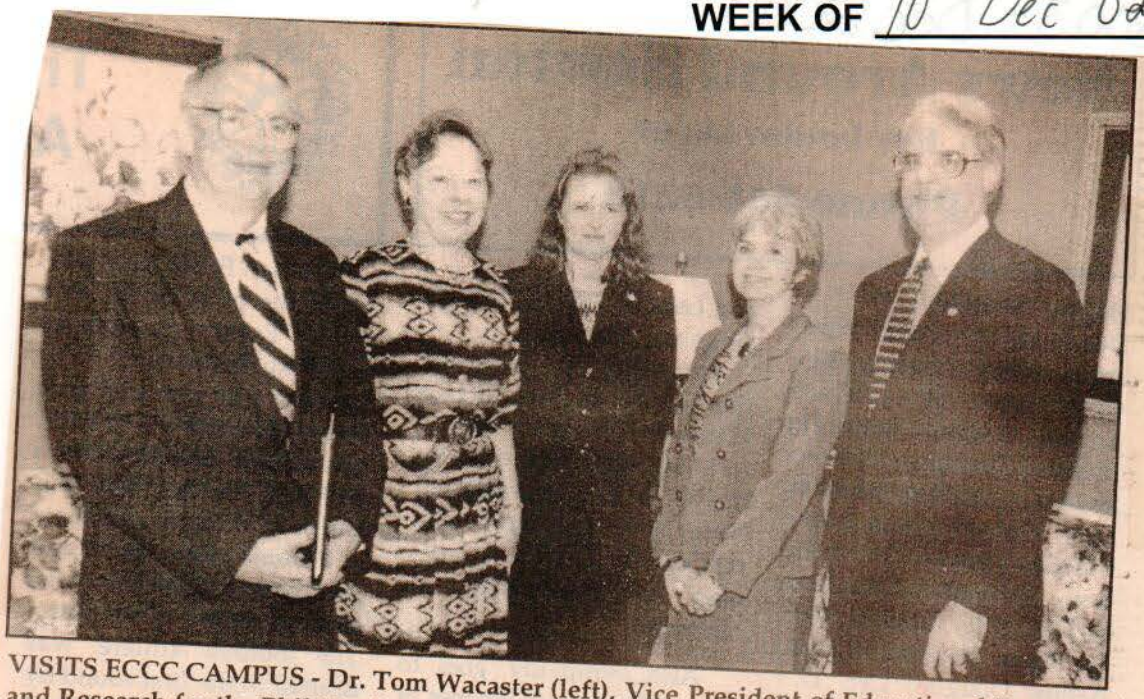

VISITS ECCC CAMPUS - Dr. Tom Wacaster (left), Vice President of Educational Programs and Research for the Phil Hardin Foundation in Meridian, recently toured the East Central Community College campus and was a luncheon guest of Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (right), ECCC president. Also attending the luncheon were (from left) Dr. Wacaster's wife, Jane; Stacey Hollingsworth, Administrative Assistant in the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations; and Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, Vice President for Instruction. (EC Photo)

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Carson selected national band di

Thomas W. Carson, director of bands at East Central Community College in Decatur, has been selected Mississippi's representative to the College Band Directors National Association, announced Gary W. Hill, association president.

Carson is the only community/junior college band director chosen to serve as a "State Chair" for the organization. As Mississippi's "chair," Carson will represent all college bands in the st

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As state chair, Carson said he will have various responsibilities "to promote and work with" the association. He added, "There will also be a lot of paperwork involved, as well as some travel to regional and national meetings. I have already been given a laundry list of things to get right to work on."

Carson's first meeting as Mississippi's state chair to the CBDNA is scheduled in Atlanta, Ga., in February.

Carson has led the ECCC band program since 1982. He holds master's and bachelor's degrees in music education from Delta State University and is an ECCC graduate. He completed high school at Forrest-Sherman HS in Naples, Italy.

He is married to the former Brenda Branning of Philadelphia, who serves as ECCC's director of financial aid. They have three children, Chris, Jennifer and Jeremy.

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WEEK OF Dec 15

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WOOD HONORED: Lucille Wood (center), East Central Community College instructor and former women's basketball coach, was honored during Homecoming festivities on October 4 by members of her women's club teams. Wood organized a reunion of the women who played on basketball, volleyball and tennis club teams at East Central Junior College from 1956 to 1975 and presented them with varsity letters. In turn, they presented her with a bouquet of roses and a commemorative pillow signed by the players. Club team members who presented the gifts were Lois Blount Cooper (left) of Decatur and Peggy Nickell McQueen of Little Rock, Ark..

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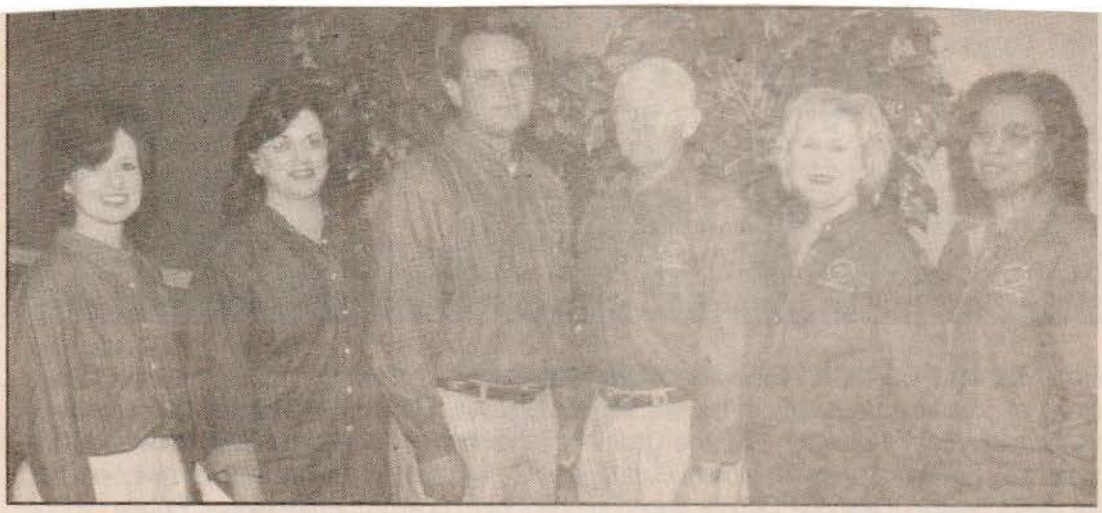

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OUTSTANDING ECCC INSTRUCTORS: These East Central Community College instructors were among faculty members representing the state's 15 community and junior colleges who were recognized for excellence at the 2003 Lamplighter Conference held at the Golden Moon Resort and Casino in Choctaw, MS. The annual event also provides an opportunity for instructors to establish and build connections with other faculty members from across the state, and to share innovative teaching techniques and approaches to learning while also enjoying good food, fun and fellowship. From left are Lisa Gorgas (associate degree nursing) of Newton, Katharine Buckman (licensed practical nursing) of Bay Springs, Tommy Clopton (chemistry) of Decatur, Tony Kinton (English) of Carthage, Vicki Blaylock (music) of Newton and Gloria Johnson (library science) of Morton. East Central Community College in Decatur served as host for this year's event.

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E. CENTRAL LB HONORED: **Travares Osley**, a standout linebacker at East Central Community College in Decatur and the state's leading tackler in 2002, has been named an NJCAA All-American.

Osley, a 6-1, 220-pounder from Hueytown, Ala., was one of three linebackers in the nation to receive first-team recognition. He was earlier named to the All-Region 23 and All-State squads and participated in the annual MACJC All-Star Classic.

Osley

Osley led the state in tackles with 106 solo stops and 27 assists. He had 23 individual tackles and three assists plus the game-winning 23-yard field goal in a 6-3 triple-overtime victory over Jones County.

Osley is continuing his athletic career at Northwestern Oklahoma State.

EAST CENTRAL 76, HINDS 67

East Central — Bobbitt 10, Hornsby 22, Dyess 4, Carter 3, Quarrells 7, Martin 9, Crenshaw 6, Jones 7, Mason 8.

Hinds (5-5) — Jones 14, Walker 2, Henyard 3, Mack 2, Brenson 8, Taylor 8, Gary 14, Tyler 6, Logan 2, Bennett 8.

Halftime — East Central 35-28.

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WEEK OF JAN 13

Dupree enrolls at ECCC

From combined reports

Former Philadelphia High School running back Marquez Dupree has enrolled at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Dupree, who ran for more than 1,300 yards and 17 touchdowns as a senior for the Tornadoes in 2000, signed with the University of Alabama and redshirted with the Crimson Tide during the 2001 season. He was part of a loaded Tide backfield and was switched to fullback during the 2002 spring workouts; but left the Alabama program last August.

There was little explanation of why the 6-foot, 220-pound Dupree quit the Crimson Tide team, and at the time, then-head coach Dennis Franchione simply released a statement saying Dupree had quit the team for personal reasons.

An area television and radio station reported last week Dupree had enrolled at East Central Community College; and his uncle, Jerome Clemons, confirmed his nephew had transferred to the Decatur school.

It is not clear whether Dupree will be immediately eligible to go through spring training with the Warriors' football team or if he plans on suiting up for East Central next fall. Attempts to reach Dupree and East Central Community College head football coach Terry Underwood were unsuccessful.

Dupree is the son of Marcus Dupree, a Philadelphia legend whose recruiting battles brought national attention. Marcus Dupree went on to a stellar collegiate career at the University of Oklahoma and played professionally in both

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This group of East Central Community College football players received honorable mention All-State honors following the 2002 campaign. Seated from left are linebacker Josh Viverette of Lake, cornerback Justin Smith of Newton County, quarterback/wide receiver Reggie Rice of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central, free safety Adrian Eiland and wide receiver Marcus Hibbler, both of Louisville; fullback Wesley Wright of Winston Academy and strong safety Jock Loper of Newton County. Standing from left are defensive lineman Jed Wright of Newton, center LeAndrew McDonald of Philadelphia, defensive tackle Arrion Triplett of Louisville, offensive lineman John Williams of Forest, quarterback Kevin Stephens of Charles Henderson High School in Troy, Ala.; and offensive tackle Tyrone Barrett of Glades Central High School in Belle Glade, Fla. The awards were presented at the annual Fall Sports Banquet held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

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To the right are members of the ECCC football team who received 2002 All-State honors. Seated from left are offensive tackle Marcel Binion of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central, second team, defensive end Ken Triplett of Louisville and cornerback Pete McBride of Forest, first team All-State. Standing from left are All-State first teamers Travares Olsey, LB, Hueytown, Ala; OG Demarcus Granger, Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County; RB Ramon Williams of Daphne, Ala. Not pictured is running back/wide receiver Titus Ryan of Tuscaloosa County, who was chosen 2nd team All-State.

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ECCC FOOTBALL ALL-STARS—Representing East Central Community College in the annual MACJC All-Star Football Game last Saturday at Northeast Mississippi Community College, seated from left: linebacker Travares Osley of Hueytown, Ala.; offensive tackle Tyrone Barrett of Bell Glade, Florida; defensive tackle Arrion Triplett of Louisville; and cornerback Pete McBride of Forest;. Standing: defensive end Ken Triplett of Louisville, offensive tackle Marcel Binion and offensive guard Demarcus Granger, both of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and running back Ramon Williams of Daphne, Ala. Warrior head coach Terry Underwood and his staff directed the South team in the annual matchup, which was held this year on the Booneville campus. (EC Photo)

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ECCC's Osley Receives First Team, All-American Honors

Travares Osley, a standout linebacker at East Central Community College in Decatur and the state's leading tackler, has been named an NJCAA All-American.

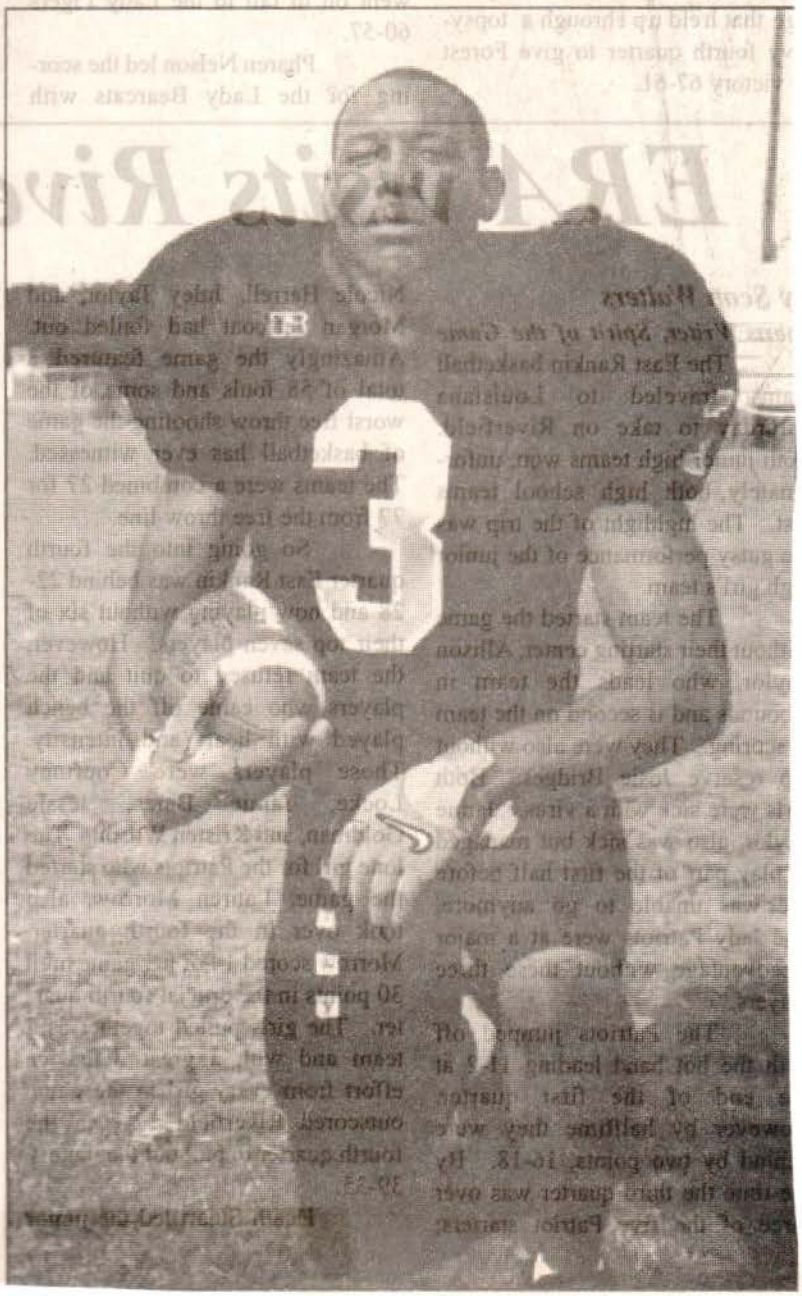
Osley, a 6-1, 220-pound product of Hueytown (Ala.) High, was one of three linebackers in the nation to receive first-team recognition. He was earlier named to the All-Region 23 and All-State squads and participated in the annual MACJC All-Star Classic.

He was also chosen most valuable player for the Warriors, who finished third in South Division action with a 3-3 mark and were 3-6 overall under fifth-year head coach Terry Underwood.

Osley led the state in tackles with 106 solo stops and 27 assists. He had 23 individual tackles and three assists in leading the Warriors to a 6-3 triple overtime win over the Jones County Junior College Bobcats, who were undefeated and ranked second in the nation prior to the South Division matchup.

Osley's 23-yard field goal in the final extra period also provided the winning margin for the upset victory.

Osley is continuing his athletic career at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva. The Rangers are affiliated with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.



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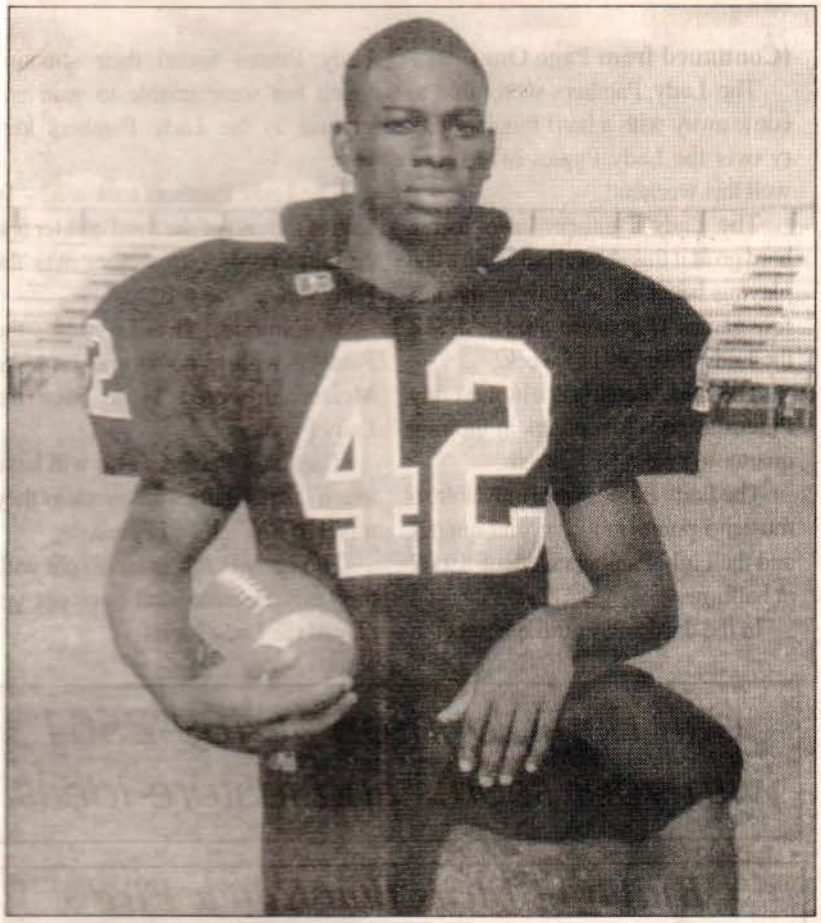
ECCC Players Continue Careers



Former ECCC Linebacker Justin Viverette of Lake continues his career at Miles College in Birminham, Ala.

Several standouts on the 2002 East Central Community College football team signed national letters of intent with four-year colleges and universities during the Christmas holidays and have transferred to their respective new schools.

Signees include linebackers Travares Osley (6-1, 220) of Hueytown, Ala., and Stacey Lewis (6', 240), a product of Neshoba Central High School in Philadelphia, who both signed at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva; running back Ramon Williams (5-10, 220) of Daphne, Ala., now with Arkansas State University in Jonesboro; linebacker Josh Viverette (5-10, 172) of Lake, who transferred to Miles College in Birmingham, Ala.; wide receiver Reggie Rice (6', 180) of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Central, now at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway; offensive tackle Tyrone Barrett (6-1, 299) of Glades Central High School in Bell Glade, Fla., who joined Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas; and quarterback Kevin Stephens (5-11, 189) of Charles Henderson High School in Troy, Ala., who transferred to Troy State.

Osley, who garnered first team All-American, All-Region 23, All-State And All-Star honors, led the state in tackles with 106 solo stops and 27 assists. Lewis, a second team All-State selection, was also among the top defenders, as he placed fourth with 69 tackles and 28 assists. Williams was recognized the state's top rusher although appeared in only five contests to injuries. Williams gained yards on 90 carries a 105.6-y average per game and scored touchdowns. He was named team All-State and All-Star.

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Williams was recognized as the state's top rusher although he appeared in only five contests due to injuries. Williams gained 528 yards on 90 carries – a 105.6-yard average per game – and scored five touchdowns. He was named first team All-State and All-Star.

Viverette, who made honorable mention All-State, was also selected the Warrior's defensive captain. He was credited with 64 tackles, 24 assists, two quarterback sacks and one forced fumble. In addition, he scored a touchdown on a fake punt.

Rice, an honorable mention All-State selection, also served as long snapper and backup quarterback.

Barrett, a two-year starter at offensive tackle, was also named honorable mention All-State and made the All-Star squad.

Stephens completed 61 of 118 passes for 931 yards and six touchdowns. He average 116.4 yards passing per contest.

Terry Underwood, ECCC head coach, said of his former Warriors: "They are great athletes and great young men. We were privileged to have them in our program. I wish them the best of luck as they continue their athletic and academic careers."

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WEEK OF Feb 3

Kitchens, Moore lead MHS signees

By Carver Rayburn / staff writer
Feb. 6, 2003

National Signing Day has finally come and gone. Many of East Mississippi and West Alabama's high school football stars have signed their letters of intent to play football at the collegiate level.

At Meridian High School, two senior Wildcats committed themselves to play football for higher education institutions in the state of Mississippi.

Second team All-area punter Chris Kitchens signed a letter of intent with Mississippi Valley State University. Kitchens had just recently signed to play soccer at MCC but was then later offered a full scholarship by MVSU.

"They offered me a full ride, " Kitchens said. "It was hard to turn down, plus I really wanted to play football at the college level."

Kitchens, a white male, will be attending MVSU, which is a historically African-American college. Kitchens said that this fact did not make a difference in his decision.

"They paired me with a current player when I went to visit there," Kitchens said. "Everyone was real nice to me and I had a great time. I'd go to a predominantly black school right now, so that was never a factor with my decision."

Defensive back Kevin Moore also signed a letter of intent to play at Holmes Community College in Goodman n on Wednesday morning. Moore said he was eager to get to Holmes and start playing.

"I want to get there and start as soon as possible," Moore said. "I am ready to show them that I can take my game to the next level."

Newton County High School was very busy Wednesday morning. Eight seniors signed letters of intent.

East Central Community College signed seven players including: linebacker Terrance Patrick, linebacker Derek Mapp, defensive tackle Derrick Cleveland, defensive tackle Michael Johnson, running back Darryl Mapp, offensive tackle Reed Meyers, and fullback Kendrick Windham.

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WEEK OF Feb 10

Lake Hornet heads to ECCC

Lake Senior Willie Hickmon signs a national letter of intent with the East Central Community College Warriors. Show in the picture are Willie Hickmon Sr. and son, Willie Hickmon, and Lake High School Head football coach Ed Amis.

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Above, Philadelphia linebacker Matt Corrigan (seated, right) is shown last Wednesday signing a national letter-of-intent to play at East Central Community College. Seated with Corrigan is his father, Joe Corrigan, while Philadelphia head coach Marcus Wood looks on in the background. At left, Choctaw Central defensive back/wide receiver Kyle Thompson is shown signing with Mississippi College. Thompson is pictured with Gilbert Thompson, instructor Julia Cole and Choctaw Central head coach Tommy McCool.

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Photos by Travis Mitchell

Last Wednesday's National Signing Day was a busy one at Philadelphia High School. Shown in the top photo is quarterback Tyler Threadgill, who inked a national letter-of-intent to play at Mississippi State University, following in the footsteps of his father — former MSU quarterback Bruce Threadgill (shown in back with Philadelphia head coach Marcus Wood). Also pictured with Threadgill are mother Angie and 4-year-old brother Garrett.

In the middle photo, Justin Payton is shown signing with East Central Community College, along with Wood and his parents, JoAnne Payton and Jeffrey Payton.

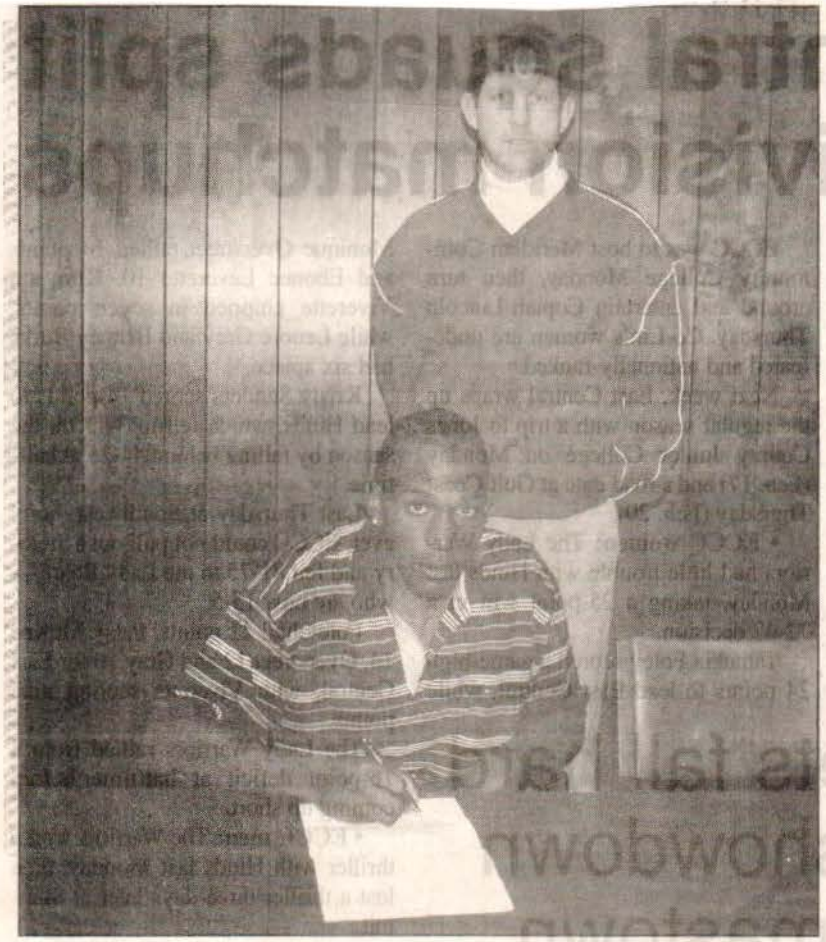
At right is Kenny Gladden, who also signed with ECCC, and his father, Kenny Gladden, Sr. Gladden, a linebacker, transferred to Philadelphia High School after he had already completed his senior season this past fall in Alabama.

Photo by Travis Mitchell

At right, Choctaw Central quarterback/defensive back Anselm Henry (seated, right) is pictured after signing his national letter-of-intent to play at Mississippi College. Shown with Henry are his parents Rex and Lonnie Henry, instructor Julia Cole (left) and Choctaw Central head coach Tommy McCool (right).

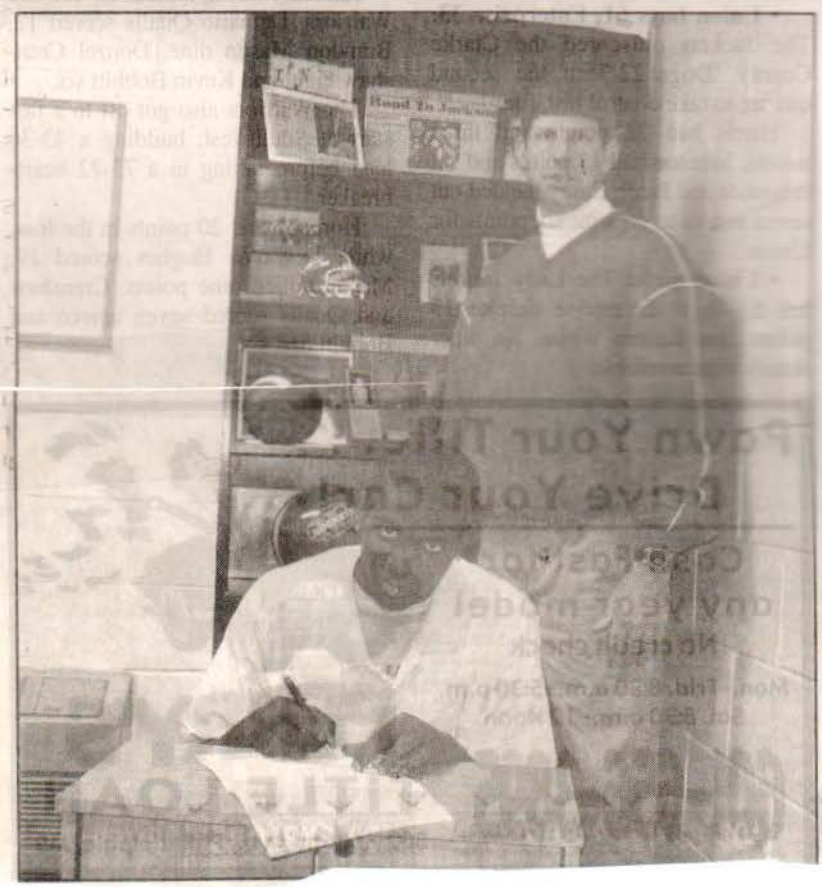
Photo by Travis Mi

At left, a pair of Union H School football players will continuing their careers at E Central Community Colle Wide receiver and defens back Derrick Harris (seated, and lineman Darnell Tem (seated, right) are both sh signing national letters-of-in to play with the Warriors Wednesday. Standing in bac Mary Harris, Derrick's mot Union head football coach E Breland; and Betty Temple, nell's mother.



Photos by Travis Mitchell

A pair of Neshoba Central football players signed last week to continue their careers at East Central Community College. Above, linebacker/defensive end Eric "L.T." Horne is shown with Neshoba head coach Jim Ray, who is also pictured below with quarterback/tailback Andrew Robinson.



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ECCC Bound

Signing with East Central Community College from Union are, seated from left, Derrick Harris and Darnell Temple. Standing are Mary Harris, Union football coach Brad Breland, and Betty Temple. Photo by Marty Stamper.

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Underwood rates recruiting at 95%

By Carver Rayburn
EMG Sports Writer

DECATUR -Ninety-five percent. According to head coach Terry Underwood, that is the grade of accomplishment put on this year's recruiting class at East Central Community College.

ECCC signed 31 players on Wednesday that had previously committed to play football for the Warriors earlier this year and in late 2002.

Underwood said that he is extremely pleased with this year's class of incoming freshman.

"We feel really good about this class," Underwood said. "This is one of the strongest classes in last few years and we have a wide variety of students from across the state."

ECCC also managed to pick up a few signees in their own backyard.

Newton County High School will be sending eight players down the road to play for the Warriors. Newton High School will contribute two players to the team. Neshoba Central has two seniors ready to play and Philadelphia High School has committed four. Underwood said that a key to success for his football team is signing area players. "We signed a good many of players from our own area," Underwood said.

"Newton County, Philadelphia, Newton High and Neshoba Central are all schools that are highly successful, so that should tell you something."

The Warriors signed four players from Tuscaloosa Central and three more from Louisville to make the claim of a strong class for Underwood that much better.

Although ECCC may have signed the majority of players they set out to get, there are still a couple of players that Underwood expects to have a legitimate shot at. Robert McNair (6-4, 185), a free safety from Florence, James Theodore (6-2, 280), an offensive lineman from Hattiesburg, Sed Eichelbuger (6-0, 215), a fullback from from Noxapater, Cedric Gray (6-1, 200), a running back from Scott Central and Lenny Boatner (6-0, 165), a wide receiver from Winston Academy who had committed to Hawaii, have all yet to sign with a school.

Underwood said that he feels that ECCC still has a shot at getting these kids into a Warrior uniform come fall. "There are three or four more kids out there that we really want," Underwood said. "We feel that we still have a shot at some of them."

Overall, ECCC has to feel good about itself as it gears up for spring practice. To hit 95 percent of what you shot for is an accomplishment in itself.

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Listed by: Name Height Weight Position High School

Avery Ford
6-0 250 OL
Clinton

Tommy Seawright
6-0 180 DB
D'Iberville

Byron Morris
5-11 174 QB
Forrest County

Roderick Allen
6-3 170 QB
Jim Hill

Willie Hickman
6-5 185 TE/LB
Lake

Anthony Stanford
6-0 195
QB/LB Louisville

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Mantrell Ashford
6-3 230
TE/LB Louisville

Derell Ashford
5-10 180 TB/LB
Louisville

Justin Ficklin
6-0 225 LB/FB
Morton

Eric Horne
6-4 220 TE/LB
Neshoba Central

Andrew Robinson
6-0 160 QB/FS
Neshoba Central

LaDarrion Blaylock
6-1 170 QB/DB
Newton

Torrance Blaylock
5-10 220 LB
Newton

Kendrick Windam
5-10 185 RB/WR
Newton County

Darryl Mapp
5-7 190 RB
Newton County

Derek Mapp
5-10 188 LB

Terrance Patrick
5-9 200 LB
Newton County

Reed Meyers
6-3 320 OL
Newton County

Michael Johnson
5-10 230 DL
Newton County

Derek Cleveland
6-4 272 TE/DL
Newton County

Justin Payton
6-3 238 DE
Philadelphia

Cameron Tawater
6-3 230 TE/DE
Philadelphia

Kenny Gladded
5-10 185 LB
Philadelphia

Matt Corrigan
6-1 210 LB
Philadelphia

Chris Smith
5-11 165 FS
Ridgeland

Lyndain Williams
6-1 190 WR
Tuscaloosa Central

Joshua Curry
6-3 310 OL
Tuscaloosa Central

Le Ron McClain
6-1 238 FB
Tuscaloosa Central

Terrence Jones
6-1 205 LB
Tuscaloosa Central

Derrick Harris
6-2 166 WR/FS
Union

Darnell Temple
6-3 284 OL
Union

Jay McMillian
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By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

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2003-04 season in a ceremony at
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kstrom of Neshoba Central,
reece Bender of Newton, and
stin Chaney of Newton County.
gning with the men are Terrence
Westerfield of Kemper County and
Andrew Lewis of Morton.

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Cox, a 5-foot-7 guard, started for Class 1A state semifinalist Lake. As a senior, she was named All-South State, was the Division 6-1A Most Valuable Player, and the Scott County Tournament MVP.

Cox is a three-time all-division and a three-time all-Scott County choice. She was a member of Lake's 2001 Class 1A state championship team.

Rogers, another 5-foot-7 guard, averaged 12.2 points, six rebounds, four assists, and four steals as Lake went 24-6 this winter under coach Bill Ingersoll.

Rogers was named to the 2003 1A all-State Tournament team and the all-South State Tournament team. She is a three-time all-division and a three-time all-Scott County selection. She was the Scott County MVP in 2001 and played for the 2001 Class champs.

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Bender averaged 20.8 points, 7.3 rebounds, and 5.4 assists. As a senior, she was chosen all-state in Class 2A, was the Division 5-2A MVP, was named to the ECCC all-tournament team, and has been selected for the Mississippi North/South All-Star Game in July.

Chaney, is a 5-foot-7 guard who played for coach Natalie Vance at Newton County. As a senior, Chaney averaged 13.5 points, 5.7 rebounds, 4.5 steals, and 3.2 assists as the Lady Cougars went 18-11.

As a senior, Chaney was named all-state, all-Division 5-3A, and was selected to the ECCC all-tournament team.

Chaney will also sign a softball scholarship at ECCC.

LaCaze is a 5-foot-10 guard at Natchitoches Central, the same school that produced former ECCC standout Nikki LaCour. NCHS coach Emma Bozeman says LaCaze may be even better than LaCour.

As a senior, LaCaze averaged 20.5 points and 6.5 rebounds. She was a second-team all-state pick and was first team all-district and all-parrish.

Her team was a state quarterfinalist in 2003.

Boyd is a 6-foot post from Monroe St. Fredrick. She averaged 14.5 points and 8.7 rebounds as a senior for coach John Merritt.

Boyd was honorable mention all-state as a senior. She was named to the all-Northeast Louisiana team and was a first-team all-district choice for the last three years.

Boyd was a part of state quarterfinalist teams in 2000 and 2003. Her squad won the 2002 state title and was runner-up in 2001. She is a former high school teammate of current Lady Warrior Rita Birden.

Obviously, having players from winning programs is half the battle in attaining success at the juco level.

"All these come from good programs and good coaching," ECCC women's head coach Brad Hodge said. "They've been in the state quarterfinals or beyond. A lot of them have state championship rings.

"They're good kids and good students. They're not casualties of the academic side. They're going to fill a lot of holes of what we're missing.

"They're fortunate enough that they've got a good group of sophomores to follow their lead on.

"We're excited about having them."

ECCC men's coach Bill Smith only signed two players on opening day, but was proud of the two he got.

"We think we got two pretty good players," Smith said. "Hopefully, both can come in and either help us right away or hopefully down the road.

"Both seem to be outstanding young individuals that make pretty good grades. They both played on winning teams in the regular season. We're just looking for some bench help to come in help our sophomores for next year."

Westerfield, a 6-foot-2 guard, was all-Division 5-2A, all-state, all-South State, and the team MVP at Kemper County. The Wildcats, 19-15, reached the Class 2A state tournament this year under coach Arthur Carter, losing to Ruleville Cen-

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Iron warriors

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ECCC's Cheatham named director of football operations at Ole Miss

From school and staff reports

OXFORD, Miss. – East Central Community College assistant football coach Steve Cheatham has been named assistant athletic director for football operations at Ole Miss.

Cheatham, who is also a former head football coach at Philadelphia High School, replaces Gerry Dickey, who recently resigned to accept a similar position with the University of Tennessee after spending the last four years as a member of David Cutcliffe's Ole Miss staff.

Cheatham

"Steve has an extensive background in football in the State of Mississippi," Cutcliffe said. "He is well-respected by his peers and is an excellent addition to our staff." Cheatham comes to Ole Miss after spending the past two years as an assistant coach at ECCC.

ECCC coach Terry Underwood

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said he hated to see Cheatham go but fully understands.

"When Steve told me what was going on, I just looked at him and said 'When are you going?'"Underwood said. "We hate to loose Steve, he is a great coach and we know he will do a good job for them at Ole Miss."

Underwood also sees the benefit in Cheatham moving forward.

"Just because Steve has moved on, doesn't mean he won't still be part of this program," Underwood said. "I'm sure he will help us with some of our recruiting by maybe pointing some players our way and helping some of our kids get to school there. So he may be gone but he will still be a part of the East Central family."

Cheatham started his coaching career as the defensive coordinator and special teams coach at Neshoba Central High School, before moving on to serve as a graduate assistant with Clemson University in 1993. At Clemson he worked with the secondary under the supervision of the defensive coordinator.

After three years at Clemson, he moved west to Alabama in 1996, taking the head coaching position at Dothan High School for a season before moving back to Mississippi to become the head coach at Philadelphia High School. In his time at Philadelphia, Cheatham compiled a 36-11-1 record. In 2001 he jumped to the junior college ranks at East Central Community College as an assistant coach.

"I'm excited about working for coach Cutcliffe and this football staff," Cheatham said. "I have a lot of respect for coach Cutcliffe and the job he is doing here at Ole Miss. I am happy to be a part of this program."

He has earned several awards throughout his career, including the 1998 Division 4-2A Coach of the Year and the 2000 Neshoba Democrat Area Coach of the Year. He has also coached in several All-Star games, including the 2000 Bernard Blackwell All-Star game, the 2001 Mississippi/Alabama All-Star game, and the 2002 Mississippi Community College All-Star game.

Cheatham, 46, is married to the former Brenda Munn of Philadelphia. They have a 20-year-old daughter, Lindsey, who will be attending the University of Mississippi Medical Center this fall, and is pursuing a degree in Dental Hygiene.

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Sizemore Named New Assistant Football Coach At East Central Community College

Former ECCC GA Returns To Coach

Special to The Times

Stacy Sizemore was recently selected assistant football coach at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Terry Underwood, athletic director/head football coach.

Underwood said Sizemore will serve as special teams coordinator, linebackers' coach and strength coach. Sizemore comes to ECCC from American Heritage School in Plantation, Fla., where he most recently served as defensive coordinator, fitness instructor and conditioning coach.

He is also a former defensive coordinator, linebackers coach, and special teams coordinator.

He has been employed at the school since 1996.

Sizemore is a former graduate assistant at ECCC, serving as wide receivers and tight ends coach during the 1995-96 College term.

Sizemore

He is also a former varsity linebacker coach at Saint Thomas Aquinas High School in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, and earlier coached varsity linebackers and wide receivers at Northeast High School in Oakland Park, Florida.

Sizemore began his coaching career as a student assistant at the University of Southern Mississippi, where he served during the 1993 spring semester.

He is a former football standout at Vicksburg High School, Hinds Community College, and the University of Southern Mississippi. He helped lead Hinds to the 1988 state championship.

He was a two-year letterman at USM and received the Big Block Award, which is presented to the outstanding special teams member each season.

Sizemore received a bachelor's degree in physical education with minor emphasis in coaching and administration.

He is married to the former Mareta Iosia of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and they have three children, Santana, Sloan and Sione.

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3 Van Wilson, WR, So. 6'1", 190, Meridian, West Lauderdale.

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8 Clinton Thomas, FB, Fr., 5'8", 235, Ripley Ripley.

9 Ken Shields, FS, So., 5'10", 174, Louisville Louisville.

10 Nick Frazier, FS, So., 5'10", 175, Louisville, Louisville.

11 Rod Allen, QB, Fr., 6'3", 170, Jackson, Jim Hill.

12 Bobby Lindsey, WR, So., 6'1", 175, Newton, Newton.

13 Derrick Harris, WR, Fr., 6 6',1", 170, Union, Union.

14 Sed Eichelberger, LB, Fr., 18 Cedric Gray, FB, Fr., 6', 205, Forest, Scott Central.

19 J. E. Haynes, D E, So.,6', 238, Noxapater, Noxapater.

21 Jimichael Gordon, TB, Fr., 6', 190, Tuscaloosa, Ala., Hillcrest.

23 Germaine Smith, FB, So., 5'9", 225, Decatur, Newton County.

24 Darryl Mapp, TB, Fr., 5'7", 190, Decatur, Newton County.

25 Tony Edison, SS, Fr., 5'11", 180, Collins, Collins.

26 Kenshay Hunter, TB, Fr., 5'10", 180, Philadelphia, Philadelphia.

30 Derrell Ashford, CB, Fr., 5'10" , 190, Louisville, Louisville.

32 Cedric Love, SS/RB, Fr., 5'8", 170, Philadelphia, Philadelphia.

34 Justin Ficklin, LB, Fr., 5'10", 210, Morton, Morton.

35 Kelvin Horne, LB, Fr., 6', 215, Meridian, Northeast Lauderdale.

36 Mitch Myers, K, Fr., 5'8", 160, Brandon, McLaurin.

39 Jay McMillin, LB/K, Fr., 5'11", 185, Louisville, Winston Academy.

42 Brian McNair, FS, Fr., D, Iberville.

44 Willie Hickman, LB, Fr., 6'5", 210, Lake, Lake.

45 Lee Fairchilds, LB, Fr., 5'10", 200, Morton Morton

47 Kenny Gladden, LB, Fr., 5'7", 200, Philadelphia, Philadelphia.

50 Jimmy Coleman, DT, Fr., 6'2", 270, Forest, Forest.

51 Rhyne Thompson, C, So., 6'1", 300, Louisville, Louisville.

52 Dennis Harris, OG, So., 5'11", 270, Morton, Morton.

53 Michael Wright, OG, So., 6'2", 225, Newton, Newton.

54 Chris Allen, OT, So., 5'10", 290, Tuscaloosa, AL, Tuscaloosa County.

65 Derrick Cleveland, DT, Fr., 6'2", 280, Decatur, Newton, County.

66 James Ozment, OT, Fr., 6'5", 350, Sumterville, AL, Sumter Academy.

70 Rudy Sue, OG, So., 6', 305, Pensacola, FL, Escambia.

71 Cavoris Grant, OG, So., 5'9", 290, Columbus, Columbus.

72 Reed Myers, C, Fr., 6'2", 335, Newton, Newton County.

74 Davis Carter, OT, So., 6'3", 360, Louisville, Louisville.

75 Josh Curry, OG, Fr., 6'2", 295, Tuscaloosa, AL, Tuscaloosa 200, Forest, Forest.

83 Cameron Tawater, TE, Fr., 6'2", 225, Philadelphia, Philadelphia.

84 Demetrius Little, TE, Fr., 6'2", 225, Aliceville, AL, Aliceville.

90 Henry Smith, DT, Fr., 6'3", 310, Aliceville, AL, Aliceville.

95 Justin Payton, DE, Fr., 6'2", 250, Philadelphia, Philadelphia.

96 Mantrell Ashford, DE, Fr., 6'2", 220, Louisville, Louisville.

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99 Corey Hayes, DT, So., 5'11", 320, Forest, Forest.

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ECCC Warriors Face

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Beginning season action by taking on the defending state champions is not exactly the way Terry Underwood had hoped to start the 2003 campaign with his East Central Community College football team, but the sixth-year head coach said his Warriors will be ready to play regardless.

"We've got to be prepared mentally and physically to play every week, whether we battle the defending state champions or a team that did not win a game the previous year. And I feel our team will be up to the challenge," said Underwood, whose ECCC squad takes on Holmes Community College at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4 in Goodman.

Coach Hugh Shurden's Bulldogs defeated Jones County for the state crown en route to a 9-2 finish. Holmes returns just one starter from a stingy defense, which did not allow a point in the state playoffs. The strength of this year's team is its offensive line. The Bulldogs are ranked second in the North Division pre-season poll.

East Central hopes to improve from last year's 3-6 record, which marked the team's first losing season in four years. The 2002 Warriors were 3-3 in South Division action and lost their final two contests to miss the playoffs. Underwood said a win over Holmes would provide a "big boost" for his young but talented team, who are picked to finish fifth in the South Division.

Underwood, who also serves as defensive coordinator, and Tim Coats, offensive coordinator, have announced starters for this week's contest at Holmes.

Coats said freshman Terrell Robinson (6-2, 190) of Palatka, Fla., will start at quarterback and will be joined in the backfield by sophomore fullback Germaine Smith (5-9, 225) of Newton County. Alternating at the tailback position will be freshmen Darryl Mapp (5-7, 190) of Newton County and Kenshay Hunter (5-10, 180) of Philadelphia.

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2003 Warrior Coaching Staff

Terry Underwood (kneeling second from left) begins his sixth season as head coach of the East Central Community College football team. Underwood also serves as defensive coordinator and defensive backfield coach. Other staff members and their areas of responsibility include (kneeling from left) Tommy Clopton, offensive line and tight ends, and DeMarcus Holmes, running backs. Standing from left are Stacy Sizemore, special teams and linebackers; Tim Coats, assistant head coach, offensive coordinator, quarterbacks and receivers; and Fred Lyons, defensive line. Also pictured is Derrick Jones of Rush Sports Medicine. (EC Photo)

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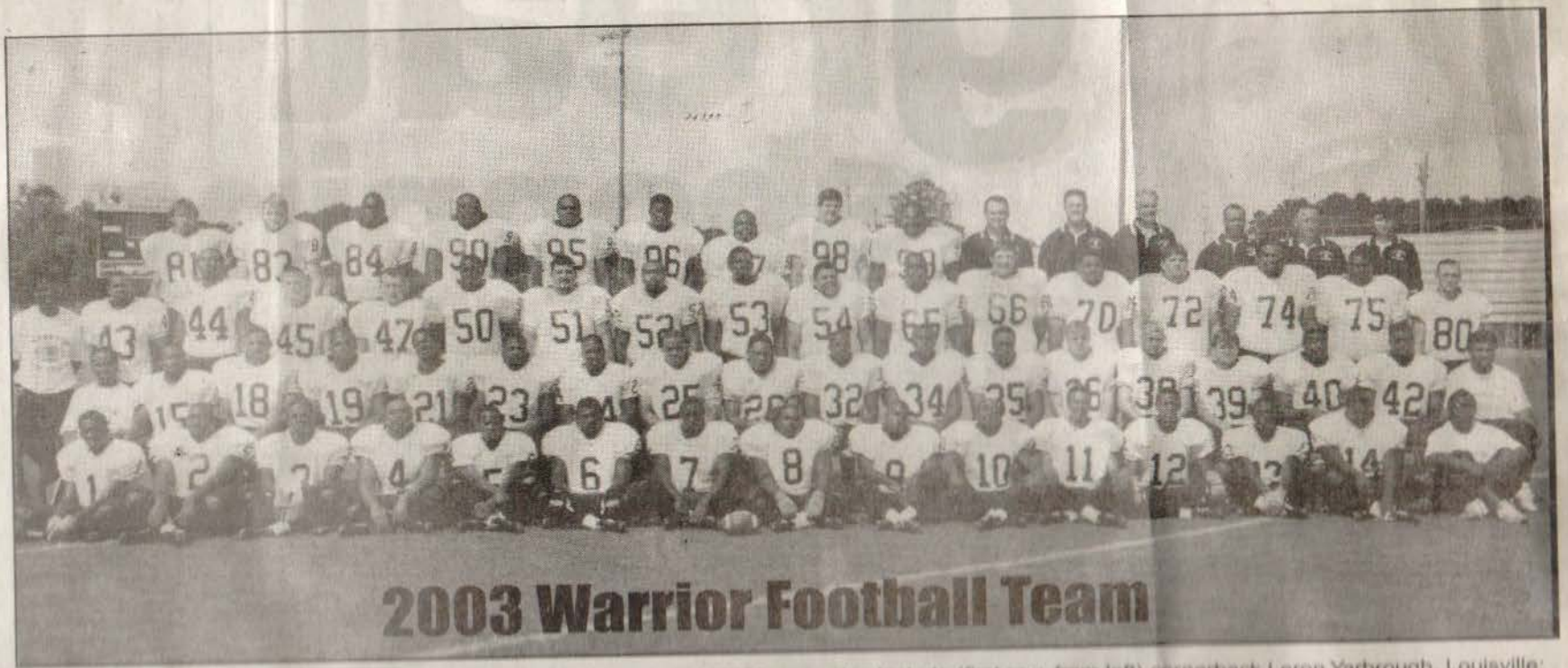

Members of the East Central Community College football team for the 2003 campaign include (first row, from left) cornerback Leron Yarbrough, Louisville; defensive lineman Willie Johnson, Ocoee County, Ga.; wide receiver Van Wilson, West Lauderdale; linebacker Marcus Cleveland, Morton; strong safety Chunkgil Page and wide receiver Titus Ryan, both of Tuscaloosa County, Ala.; quarterback Terrell Robinson, Palatka, Fla.; fullback Clinton Thomas, Ripley; free safeties Ken Shields and Nick Frazier, both of Louisville; quarterback Rod Allen, Jim Hill; wide receivers Bobby Lindsey, Newton and Derrick Harris, Union; linebacker Sed Eichelberger, Noxapater; and manager Courtney Smith, Louisville; (second row, from left) manager Telly Carter, Noxapater; quarterback/wide receiver Mario Thomas, Forest; fullback Cedric Gray, Scott Central; defensive end J. E. Haynes, Noxapater; cornerback Patrick Slay, Seymour, Tenn.; fullback Germaine Smith and tailback Darryl Mapp, both of Newton County; strong safety Tony Edison, Collins; tailback Kenshay Hunter, Philadelphia; cornerback Derrell Ashford, Louisville; strong safety/running back Cedric Love, Philadelphia; linebackers Justin Ficklin, Morton and Kelvin Horne, Northeast Lauderdale; kicker Mitch Myers, McLaurin, linebacker/kicker Jay McMillin, Winston Academy; linebacker Terrance Patrick, Newton County; free safety Brian McNair, Florence; and manager Joseph Taylor, Louisville; (third row, from left) manager Maurice Calhoun, Jefferson Davis, Ala.; cornerback Tommy Searight, D'Iberville; linebackers Willie Hickmon, Lake, Lee Fairchilds, Morton and Kenny Gladden, Philadelphia; defensive tackle Jimmy Coleman, Forest; center Rhyne Thompson, Louisville; offensive guards Dennis Harris, Morton and Michael Wright, Newton; offensive tackle Chris Allen, Tuscaloosa County, Ala.; defensive tackle Derrick Cleveland, Newton County; offensive tackle James Ozment, Sumter Academy, Ala.; offensive guard Rudy Su'e, Escambia, Fla.; center Reed Myers, Newton County; offensive tackle Davis Carter, Louisville; offensive guard Josh Curry Tuscaloosa Central, Ala.; and wide receiver Chris Smith, Ridgeland; and (fourth row, from left) punter Chris Huff, Forest; tight end Cameron Tawater, Philadelphia; and tight end Demetrius Little and defensive tackle Henry Smith, both of Aliceville, Ala.; defensive ends Justin Payton, Philadelphia and Mantrell Ashford, Louisville; defensive tackle Michael Johnson Newton County; defensive end Adam Wright, Winston Academy; defensive tackle Corey Hayes, Forest; and coaches Tommy Clopton, Stacy Sizemore, Tim Coats, Marcus Holmes and Terry Underwood (head coach); and Derrick Jones, Rush Sports Medicine.

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2003 Warrior Football Schedule

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September 11	Northeast	Booneville	7:00 p.m.
September 18	Pearl River	Decatur	6:30 p.m.
September 27	Gulf Coast	Perkinston	2:00 p.m.
October 4	Co-Lin (HC)	Decatur	2:30 p.m.
October 11	Jones	Ellisville	7:00 p.m.
October 18	Hinds	Raymond	2:00 p.m.
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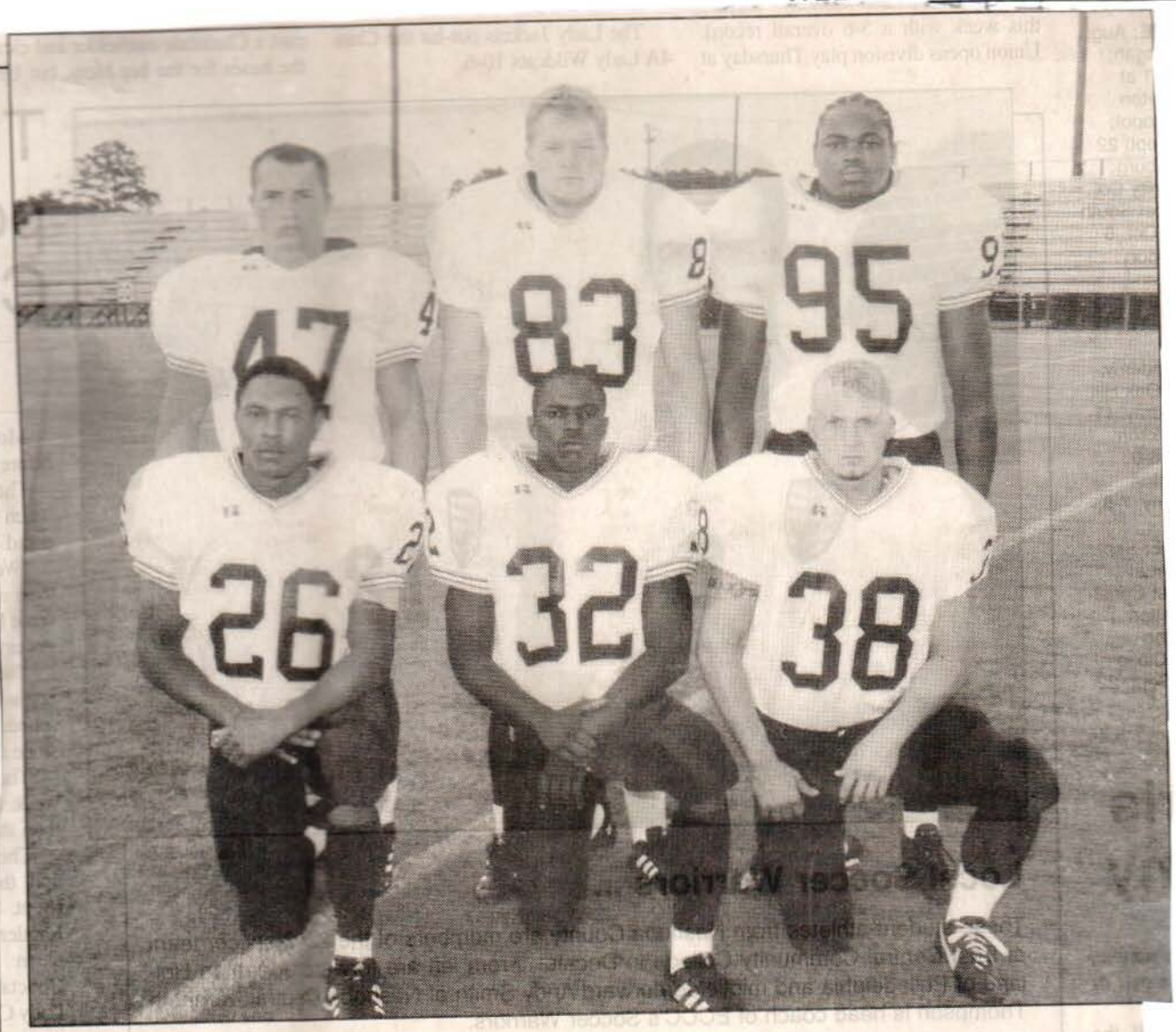

School photos

Above are Neshoba County student-athletes who are members of the 2003 football team at East Central Community College in Decatur. Kneeling from left, tailback Kenshay Hunter and strong safety/running back Cedric Love, both of Philadelphia, and strong safety T.J. Rushing of Neshoba Central. Standing from left are linebacker Kenneth Gladden, tight end Cameron Tawater and defensive end Justin Payton, all of Philadelphia. The Warriors begin season action by traveling to Holmes Community College Thursday, with kickoff set for 7 p.m. at Ras M. Branch Stadium on the Goodman campus.

Former Philadelphia standout Josh Boler (at right) is preparing for the upcoming 2003 season-opener as a member of the Holmes Community College football squad. Boler recorded 41 tackles last season for the Tornadoes, and he'll be going up against some of his former teammates when Holmes entertains East Central Community College Thursday.

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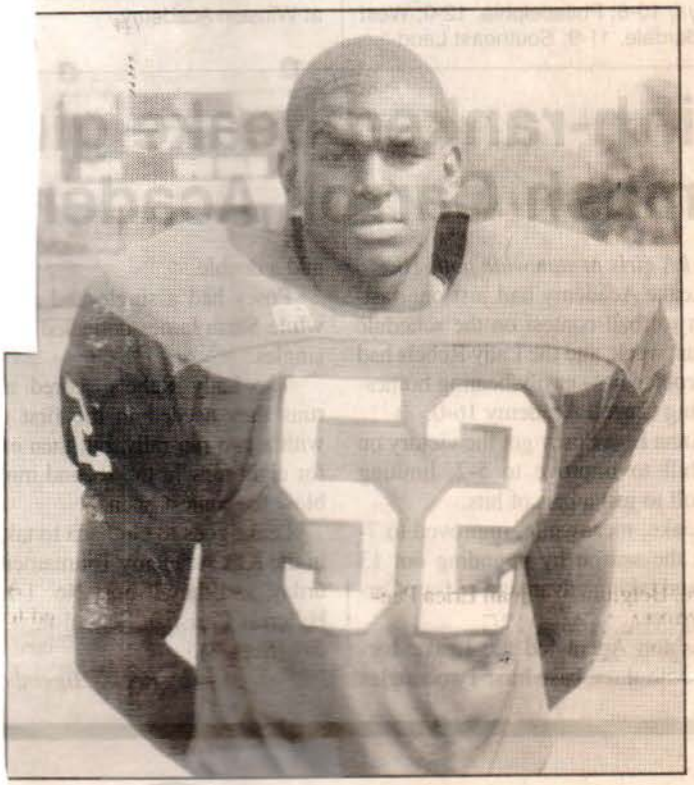

WEEK OF Sept 8

ECCC opens with win over '02 state champs

Former Philadelphia standout rushes for two touchdowns

By ROCKY HIGGINBOTHAM
Sports Editor

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East Central Community College got its 2003 football season off to a rousing start with a 21-14 victory over defending state champion Holmes last Thursday night at Goodman.

Former Philadelphia High School standout Kenshay Hunter ran for 85 yards and two touchdowns on 19 carries, helping the Warriors roll up 359 yards of total offense and get the win.

ECCC is on the road again Thursday, as the Warriors travel to Booneville to take on Northeast Mississippi Community College. Northeast is 0-1 on the season, as the Tigers lost 43-3 to nationally-ranked Pearl River last week.

Last year, East Central dropped a 14-7 decision to eventual North Division champion Northeast at Decatur.

At Holmes, Hunter scored on a 2-yard run in the first quarter, and Mitch Myers hit the first of his three successful point-after kicks to put East Central ahead 7-0.

Holmes got both of its touchdowns in the second quarter. The Bulldogs tied it on a 1-yard run from Sedrick Clay, then went ahead 14-7 on a 10-yard touchdown pass from Brett Borden to Byron Johnson.

East Central answered back just before the half, as Titus Ryan got loose on a 6-yard scoring run. The teams were tied 14-14 at halftime.

The only scoring of the second half came in the third quarter, when Hunter broke a 19-yard run and Myers added the PAT kick for a 21-14 advantage.

Hunter finished with the 85 yards and two TDs, while Germaine Smith ran for 98 yards on 18 carries for East Central. Ryan hauled in five passes for 101 yards, and EC quarterback Terrell Robinson was 10-of-15 passing for 120 yards.

Freshman Sed Eichelberger of Noxapater led the Warriors' defense, as he recorded 12 tackles — 10 of them solo stops.

The Warriors held Holmes to 195 yards of total offense, and EC overcame three turnovers.

Thursday's game at Northeast is scheduled to kick off at 7 p.m. The Tigers are under the direction of first-year head coach Andy Greening, who took over after Bobby Hall stepped down following last season. Quarterback Matthew Stevenson and cornerback mario Stevenson lead Northeast.

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ECCC Warriors Topple Holmes Bulldogs, 21-14

From press reports

Kenshay Hunter's 19-yard run early in third quarter action provided the winning margin for East Central Community College's Warriors who defeated the defending state champion Holmes Community College Bulldogs 21-14 in the season opener for both squads Thursday night in Goodman.

Beginning the 2003 campaign on a positive note was obviously pleasing to Warrior head coach Terry Underwood.

"I'm very proud of our players. They overcame adversity and found a way to win. I was especially proud of the effort by our offense, which maintained possession late in the game and kept the Holmes offense off the field," Underwood said.

The Warrior offense, led by freshman quarterback Terrell Robinson of Palatka, Fla., kept possession thanks to several key plays, most of which came on third-down situations. With about five minutes remaining, sophomore fullback Germaine Smith of Newton County burst through the Bulldog defense for a 19-yard gain on second and 18 from the EC 25 yard line. Robinson later connected with sophomore receiver Titus Ryan of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County, who made a leaping catch for a 12-yard reception on third and nine near midfield with two-and-a-half minutes left in the contest. And with 1:40 remaining, Smith gave the Warriors a first down on the Holmes 23 following his 13-yard scamper on third and four. Holmes finally took possession with only seconds remaining, and thanks to a roughing-the-passer penalty, the Bulldogs tried a Hail-Mary pass but to no avail.

East Central took a 7-0 lead midway in the first quarter when Hunter, a freshman tailback from Philadelphia, tallied on a three-yard run. Freshman Mitch Myers of McLaurin made the first of his three PATs on the evening. The short scoring drive was set up when freshman Warrior linebacker Kelvin Horne of Northeast Lauderdale recovered a Bulldog fumble on the three-yard-line.

Holmes knotted the score at 7-7 early in the second period on running back Sedric Clay's one-yard burst, capping a five-play, 32-yard drive set up by a Warrior fumble. Matt Garren of Madison made the first of his two PATs to tie the contest.

The Bulldogs took the lead midway in the second stanza on a nine-yard pass play from quarterback Brett Borden of Phil Campbell, Ala., to wide receiver Byron Johnson of Canton. The 12-yard drive was set up by a 27-yard punt return from Eric Marshall of Eupora.

East Central tied the contest at 14-14 when Ryan found the end zone on a six-yard reverse with just 22 seconds left before halftime. The four-play, 20-yard drive was set up by freshman Warrior defensive end Mantrell Ashford of Louisville, who scooped up a Bulldog fumble and rambled 30 yards to the Holmes 20.

The Warriors had 360 total yards of offense, with 239 yards coming on the ground.

Smith was the leading rusher with 98 yards on 18 carries. Hunter had 85 yards on 19 carries and scored two touchdowns. Ryan had 26 yards on six carries and one score. Robinson completed 10 of 15 passes for 120 yards. Ryan was the leading receiver with six catches for 101 yards. Ryan also had three kickoff returns for 98 yards.

Holmes had 93 yards rushing and 98 passing for a 188 total.

Freshman linebacker Sed Eichelberger of Noxapater led the Warrior defense with 10 tackles and two assists. Sophomore strong safety Chunkgil Page of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County, freshmen defensive tackle Henry Smith of Aliceville, Ala., and sophomore defensive tackle Corey Hayes of Forest each had six tackles and two assists. Other top defenders were sophomore lineman Willie Johnson, a product of Oconee County High School in Athens, Ga., who had five tackles, two caused fumbles and a quarterback sack, and sophomore cornerback Leron Yarbrough of Louisville, who had four tackles, a blocked field goal and one interception.

East Central will again be on the road this week as the Warriors travel Thursday to Northeast Mississippi Community College (0-1) for another non-division matchup. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. on the Booneville campus.

The Tigers fell 43-3 to visiting Pearl River Community College last week.

Warrior football games are broadcast on WZKR-FM (103.3) in Meridian featuring veteran broadcast Mike Goodwin of Carthage.

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WEEK OF Sept 15

Warriors meet high-powered foe

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

DECATUR — East Central Community College saw its chance for a 2-0 start slip away with a 17-13 loss at Northeast Mississippi last Thursday.

The Warriors return to Decatur for their home opener Thursday at 6:30 p.m. against high-powered Pearl River. The teams are ranked first and second in the state in total offense.

Pearl River opened with a 43-3 rout of Northeast, a score that the Warriors couldn't get out of their minds last week.

"As much as I hate to admit it, our team was as far away mentally into the game as I've ever had as a coach," said ECCC head coach Terry Underwood. "No. 1, I take full responsibility being the head coach, but No. 2, I've talked to our team about them taking their part of the responsibility.

"I felt like we fought it all week. It wasn't necessarily complacency or overconfidence, just not a respect for your opponent and I don't care who you're playing in this league, there's no one who can't beat you.

"We were fortunate to even be in the game at halftime down 10-7. We came out in the second half and played much better and put ourself in position to still win even though we didn't play well.

"Defensively, we did not play well at all. We played a wide-open style of offense, which is the same thing we're going to see Thursday."

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ECCC leads the MACJC in total yards, averaging 370.5, while Pearl River is second at 360.5. They get those totals in opposite manners, however, as ECCC picks up 244.5 yards on the ground, while Pearl River gets 198 through the air.

The Wildcats are tied for first in the state in turnover margin at plus-four. ECCC is minus-one.

Leading the Warriors' ground game are Germaine Smith with 86 yards per game and Kenshay Hunter with 57.

Curtis Hayes averages 102 yards rushing for Pearl River. He ran for 114 on 15 carries in a 17-7 victory over Northwest Mississippi last week.

Anthony Johnson has completed 14-of-33 passes for 333 yards for the Wildcats. ECCC's Terrell Robinson is 20-of-41 for 247 yards.

Pearl River's Larry Brackins leads the state in receiving with 173 yards and four touchdowns on six receptions. In the season opener with Northeast, Brackins had five catches for 152 yards and three touchdowns. ECCC's Titus Ryan has 11 catches for 142 yards.

"We have not had a problem moving the ball," Underwood said. "Our problem has been putting it in the end zone. We have scored some, but we haven't scored as much as we ought to. We've got to learn to convert and get points out of our moving the ball."

Pearl River's Larry Kendrick leads the state with four interceptions.

ECCC's Sed Eichelberger and Chunkgil Page both have 22 tackles.

"I don't think we're fighting any of that battle this week," Underwood said of trying to convince his team how good Pearl River is. "All we've got to do is watch the film.

"Pearl River has probably as much or more talent than I've ever seen coming out of Poplarville and I coached there at one time. In '92, coach (Willie) Coats and I had a team that went undefeated and this bunch is just multi-talented. They've got players all over the field.

"We're going to have to play as good as we can play to have an opportunity.

"I think our defense will play much better, but understand we're playing one of the top two offenses in the state. They're a fast-break offense. They look to score every play. That's their attitude and our defense has a huge challenge.

"Our best defense could be a very sound run offense. We need to control the ball and limit their snaps."

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JUMP FOR JOY

East Central quarterback Terrell Robinson (7) jumps for joy after scoring the Warriors' only touchdown of the game in the second quarter. Robinson is congratulated by freshman Cameron Tawater (83) and tight end Demetrius Little (84).

Wildcats stymie Warriors

By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

DECATUR — Pearl River Community College has got a pretty good football team this fall, and the Wildcats wasted little time in showing that to East Central Community College Thursday night.

Pearl River (3-0) scored a pair of touchdowns in the first 13 minutes en route to a 35-6 MACJC South Division victory over ECCC (1-2).

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"Pearl River has got a really good football team," ECCC head coach Terry Underwood said. "I wouldn't be surprised to see them win the South (Division) again.

"Coach (Tim) Hatten and his staff have done a great job. They've got good coaches and good players, and they've got a good scheme for the people they've got.

"They're just a real good football team. By far the best team we've played to this point. I hope we don't play a lot more as good as them."

The Wildcats defense set up the first score with an interception of a Terrell Robinson pass and a 20-yard return to the ECCC 29. After converting a fourth-and-3 at the 22, with a 13-yard pass from Anthony Johnson to Phoenix Thompson, the Wildcats got a nine-yard scoring toss from Johnson to Larry Brackins with 11:45 showing in the first quarter. Greg Bryant booted the first of his five extra points for a 7-0 lead.

On their second series, the Warriors gambled with a fake punt from their 42 only to have Clinton Thomas stuffed short of a first down.

Two sacks and an offensive pass interference penalty halted that opportunity, but Johnson found Brackins for a 14-yard touchdown pass after the Warriors went three-and-out on their next series. Bryant's kick made it 14-0 with 2:12 to go in the first period.

Of ECCC's five first-half possessions, three failed to pick up a single first down.

"Everybody knows how good their offense is, but their defense stymied us," Underwood said. "We didn't

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play very well on offense, but you've got to give them credit. Their defense is stout. It started with the interception and went downhill from there.

"We've got a lot of work to do to try to get our heads back up and try to get back in the thick of things. We're going to keep working and keep plugging, but we have a long way to go."

ECCC put together a 12-play, 58-yard scoring drive to close to within 14-6, with 10:17 remaining in the first half. Facing fourth-and-3 at the 15, Robinson kept around right end and beat the Wildcats to the corner of the end zone. Mitch Myers' extra point try was low and blocked at the line of scrimmage.

Pearl River went up 21-6 with 1:11 left in the first half on a 7-yard toss from Johnson to Larry Kendrick. Johnson, who passed for nearly 300 yards, also had a 34-yard toss to Brackins on the drive.

ECCC held the Wildcats to start the second half only to receive a 15-yard penalty for hitting the snapper while his head was down on a punt. Pearl River then covered the remaining 57 yards to go up 28-6. Johnson hit Kendrick on a short pattern and the speedy receiver outran the Warriors to complete a 53-yard scoring play with 12:25 left in the third quarter.

The Warriors threatened midway through the period only to lose a fumble at the Pearl River 19.

Levance Richmond halted ECCC's next drive when he picked off a Robinson pass at the 3.

The Wildcats got their last touchdown with 4:40 left in the game when defensive lineman Reginald Keys stripped ECCC's Elbert Brown of the ball and returned it 17 yards for a score.

ECCC had only 174 total yards with 120 coming on 39 rushes. Kenshay Hunter had 11 carries for 42 yards, and Germaine Smith had 42 yards on 13 rushes.

WEEK OF Sept 15

Late score lifts Northeast past ECCC, 17-13

(ECCC NEWS) East Central Community College's hopes for a 2-0 start fell short Thursday night as Northeast Mississippi Community College quarterback Matthew Stevenson fired a 17-yard strike to wide receiver Emory Jones with 1:27 remaining to rally the Tigers to a 17-13 win over the Warriors on the Booneville campus.

East Central, 1-1 on the young season, had rallied from a 10-0 deficit to take a 13-10 lead over Northeast late in third period action, but the Stevenson-led Tigers drove 91 yards in 11 plays in the game's final four minutes to claim their first victory of the season. The Warriors began season action by defeating Holmes Community College 21-14, while the Tigers dropped their opener to Pearl River Community College, 43-3.

Northeast took an early 3-0 lead when kicker Zach Bost of Starkville split up the uprights from 37 yards out midway in the first period. The scoring drive began on the Tiger 47. The key play during the series was a 20-yard completion from Stevenson, a Memphis native, to wide receiver Channing Price of Baldwyn on third and 27, which put the Tigers in field goal range at the EC 19.

The Tigers scored again on their next possession when Stevenson and wide receiver Josh Crump of Amory connected on a 19-yard scoring play with 2:20 remaining in the opening stanza. Bost added the PAT. Key plays during the six-play, 62-yard march included Stevenson's 22-yard run to the EC 27, and a 19-yard completion from Stevenson to Crump, which gave the Tigers a first and goal situation at the Warriors' eight-yard-line.

East Central missed a golden opportunity to score with about 10 minutes left before halftime, when a 42-yard drive ended with a Warrior fumble on the Northeast 16-yard-line.

The Warrior defense would later nix a Tiger scoring threat, as cornerback Leron Yarbrough of Louisville blocked Bost's 46-yard field goal attempt with 4:19 left before intermission. Following the blocked kick, East Central took possession on its 31 and promptly drove to the Northeast 28, where the drive stalled and the Warriors were forced to punt. Freshman punter Mitch Myers of McLaurin placed his kick on the Northeast three-yard line, and the Warrior defense took advantage of the situation as sophomore strong safety Chunkgil Page of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County pounced on a Tiger fumble in the end zone for East Central's first score with just over a minute remaining until halftime. Myers added the PAT and EC trailed 10-7 at the break.

East Central took a 13-10 lead with 4:47 left in the third period when freshman tailback Kenshay Hunter of Philadelphia found pay dirt on a one-yard plunge, capping a seven-play, 82-yard drive. The PAT was not successful, as holder Nick Frazier of Louisville tried to run for the conversion following a mishandled snap from center. Key plays in the drive included a 38-yard completion from freshman quarterback Terrell Robinson of Palatka, Fla., to wide receiver Van Wilson, a product of West Lauderdale High School, which gave EC possession on the Northeast 32; Robinson's 17-yard scamper to the Tiger 15-yard line, and an 11-yard run by sophomore fullback Germaine Smith of Newton County High School to the Northeast four-yard-line. The Warriors missed another scoring opportunity midway in the final stanza by failing to capitalize on a first-and-goal situation from the Northeast seven-yard-line. On first down, Hunter's seven-yard touchdown run was nullified by a holding penalty. Robinson threw incomplete passes on three straight plays, and Myers' 32-yard field goal attempt with 7:51 remaining was blocked. The scoring threat was set up when freshman defensive end Mantrell Ashford of Louisville intercepted Stevenson's pass on the East Central 15 and returned the pigskin to near midfield. A penalty during the return gave EC possession on the Tiger 36, and sophomore wide receiver Titus Ryan of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County got the Warriors ever closer to the goal line with his 17-yard-run on a reverse to the Northeast 19. Smith ran for 12 yards on the next play, which gave the Warriors a first down on the Tiger seven. The Warriors would later get possession with 6:47 left, but were unable to move the ball and had to punt. The Tigers took possession on their nine-yard line and drove almost the length of the field for the winning score.

STATS

East Central had 17 first downs. Northeast had 18. The Warriors had 218 yards rushing and 128 passing for a 345 total. Smith led EC rushers with 73 yards on 12 carries. Ryan had 45 yards on six carries and Robinson had 41 yards on nine carries. Hunter carried the ball nine times for 29 yards. Robinson completed 10 of 27 passes. His top receiver was Wilson, who had three grabs for 66 yards. Ryan caught six passes for 41 yards. Northeast had 130 yards rushing and 232 passing for a 362 total.

ECCC HOSTS PRC THURSDAY

The Warriors begin South Division competition by hosting the undefeated Pearl River Community College Wildcats on Thursday, September 18. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. at Warrior Stadium. Pearl River has recorded wins over Northeast (43-3) and Northwest (17-7).

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East Central tailback Kenshay Hunter (26) fumbles the ball while tackled by Northeast linebacker Quintin Williams (41) during the second half of play Thursday in Booneville. East Central recovered the fumble.

Northeast rallies

■ Warriors host Pearl River Central Thursday in home opener.

Special to the Record

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The Warriors missed another scoring opportunity midway in the final stanza by failing to capitalize on a first-and-goal situation from the Northeast seven-yard-line. On first down, Hunter's seven-yard touchdown run was nullified by a holding penalty. Robinson threw incomplete passes on

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EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE PHOTO

Running backs on the 2003 East Central Community College football team include (kneeling from left) fullbacks Clinton Thomas of Ripley, Cedric Gray of Scott Central and Germaine Smith of Newton County; and (standing from left) tailbacks Darryl Mapp of Newton County and Kenshay Hunter of Philadelphia, and running back Cedric Love, also of Philadelphia. Also pictured is Marcus Holmes, running backs coach.

ECCC hosts PRC

The Warriors begin South Division competition by hosting the undefeated Pearl River Community College Wildcats on Thursday, September 18. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m. at Warrior Stadium.

Pearl River has recorded wins over Northeast (43-3) and Northwest (17-7). Warrior football games are broadcast on WZKR-FM (103.3) in Meridian, featuring veteran sports announcer Mike Goodwin of Carthage.

WEEK OF Sept 22

Pearl River runs by East Central

■ Warriors hit the road this week at Gulf Coast.

By Robbie Robertson
The Newton Record

East Central Community College ran into a buzzsaw Thursday night in Decatur.

That buzzsaw came in the form of Pearl River Community College quarterback Anthony Johnson.

Johnson threw for 273 yards and four touchdowns as the Wildcats took a 35-6 victory over the Warriors in East Central's home opener.

The Warriors fall to 1-2 on the season and will return to action Thursday when they travel to Gulf Coast Community College for a 7 p.m. contest. Pearl River is 3-0.

The stats told the story for the game with Pearl River running up 383 yards of total offense and 19 first downs, 276 coming through the air. East Central managed only 159 yards of total offense and 10 first downs – almost 200 yards off of its 375-yard average in the first two games.

"Everybody knows about Pearl River's offense, but their defense is awfully good," East Central coach Terry Underwood said. "They have a good scheme on defense and did an outstanding job against us tonight. They are just a very good football team."

The Warriors didn't help themselves any early in the game. On EC's first possession, freshman quarter-

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East Central quarterback Terrell Robinson celebrates the Warriors only touchdown against Pearl River last Thursday.

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back Terrell Robinson was intercepted by Pearl River's Joe Hinton. He returned the ball 21 yards to the EC 28.

It didn't take Pearl River long to find the end zone as Johnson hit freshman wide receiver Larry Brackins on a 9-yard touchdown pass with 11:45 left in the first quarter for a 7-0 lead.

Pearl River went up 14-0 late in the first quarter as the Wildcats went 74 yards in eight plays as Johnson hit Brackins on a 15-yard touchdown pass with 2:12 left in the first.

On the ensuing possession, East Central put together its only scoring drive of the game, going 58 yards in 13 plays. Robinson capped the drive off with a 14-yard scamper on the quarterback keeper on a fourth-and-2 play with 10:17 left in the first half. The PAT was blocked and Pearl River led 14-6.

The Wildcats tacked on another score before the end of the half as Johnson hit Larry Kendrick on a 7-yard touchdown pass with 1:11 left in the half that capped off a nine-play 69-yard drive.

To start the second half, East Central had held the Wildcats on their first possession but a personal foul for hitting the long snapper with his head down gave the Wildcats an opportunity.

And they took advantage as Johnson hit Kendrick on a 53-yard touchdown pass with 12:25 left in the third. With the PAT, Pearl River held a commanding 28-6 lead.

The Wildcats added a late defensive touchdown for their last score.

The East Central offense was led by Kenshay Hunter who had 42 yards rushing on 12 carries.

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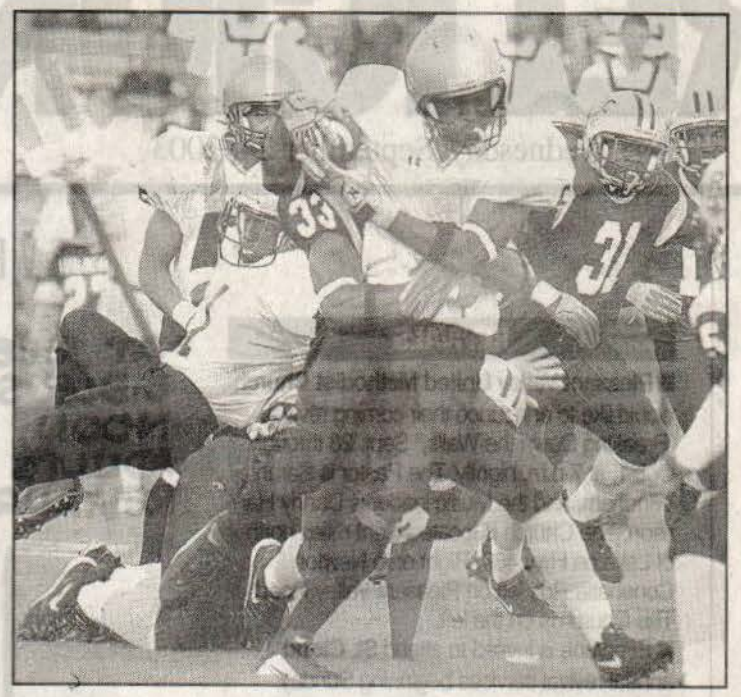

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East Central's Titus Ryan finds running difficult with Pearl River's Ervin Johnson wrapped around his waist. Ryan would get a short gain on this run.

WEEK OF Sept 22

Warriors lose 35-6 to Pearl River

by Marty Stamper

Pearl River Community College has got a pretty good football team this fall, and the Wildcats wasted little time in showing that to East Central Community College Thursday night in Decatur.

Pearl River, 3-0, scored a pair of touchdowns in the first 13 minutes en route to a 35-6 MACJC South Division victory over EC, 2-1.

"Pearl River has got a really good football team," EC head coach Terry Underwood said. "I wouldn't be surprised to see them win the South (Division) again.

"They're just a real good football team. By far the best team we've played to this point. I hope we don't play a lot more as good as them."

The Wildcat defense set up the first score with an interception of a Terrell Robinson pass and a 20-yard return to the EC 29.

After converting a fourth-and-3 at the 22 with a 13-yard pass from Anthony Johnson to Phoenix Thompson, the Wildcats got a 9-yard scoring toss from Johnson to Larry Brackins with 11:45 showing in the first quarter. Greg Bryant booted the first of his five extra points for a 7-0 lead.

On their second series, the Warriors gambled with a fake punt from their 42 only to have Clinton Thomas stuffed short of a first down.

Two sacks and an offensive pass interference penalty halted that opportunity, but Johnson found Brackins for a 14-yard touchdown pass after the Warriors went three-and-out on their next series. Bryant's kick made it 14-0 with 2:12 to go in the first period.

Of EC's five first-half possessions, three failed to pick up a single first down.

"Everybody knows how good their offense is, but their defense stymied us," Underwood said. "We didn't play very well on offense, but you've got to give them credit. Their defense is stout. It started with the interception and went downhill from there."

EC put together a 12-play, 58-yard scoring drive to close to within 14-6, with 10:17 remaining in the first half. Facing fourth-and-3 at the 15, Robinson kept around right end and beat the Wildcats to the corner of the end zone.

Pearl River went up 21-6 with 1:11 left in the first half on a 7-yard toss from Johnson to Larry Kendrick. Johnson, who passed for nearly 300 yards, also had a 34-yard toss to Brackins on the drive.

EC held the Wildcats to start the second half only to receive a 15-yard penalty for hitting the snapper while his head was down on a punt. Pearl River then covered the remaining 57 yards to go up 28-6. Johnson hit Kendrick on a short pattern and the speedy receiver outran the Warriors to complete a 53-yard scoring play with 12:25 left in the third quarter.

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Killens to be inducted into ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame

From Staff Reports

Mark Killens led the Warrior football team to a 6-3-1 record his sophomore year, which included a 21-16 upset of the undefeated Jones County Junior College Bobcats, who were ranked third in the nation prior to the season-ending matchup.

Killens

In recognition of his success at quarterback, Killens was selected permanent team captain by his 1978 teammates. The East Central Community College Alumni Association has also recognized his success on the gridiron by selecting the Union native to the 2003 Athletic Hall of Fame.

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Killens, who also received All-State and All-Star honors and was selected the Warrior's most valuable offensive back following his sophomore season, said he is "very grateful, flattered, and undeserving" of his selection to the Athletic Hall of Fame, which now

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includes 44 of the College's standout athletes.

At 6-3, 200 pounds, Killens was considered one of the top quarterbacks in the state following his high school career and was recruited by several colleges, according to then head coach Ken Pouncey. Coach Pouncey, who led the Warriors from 1967-81, said Killens "was one of the best quarterbacks we've ever had at East Central."

He added, "Mark had good speed, a strong arm, and was a great leader. He was also a very tough individual. It was a joy to coach him."

David Bradberry served as Pouncey's assistant during Killens' sophomore season. James Mason and Chris Harris, a graduate assistant, were members of Pouncey's staff during Killens' freshman year.

Killens said the highlight of his career at East Central was the upset win over the Jones Bobcats who came to Warrior Stadium in 1978 sporting a 9-0 record.

Sportswriter Austin Bishop of The Meridian Star, began his account of the stunning victory as follows:

"We interrupt this program to bring you this important message. World War III has broken out, the dollar is now worth only 17 cents and Jones Junior College has lost a football game. The last one is hard to believe, but it is the only one that is true.

"The East Central Junior College Warriors pulled off what many thought was impossible. They defeated the third-ranked Bobcats 21-16 at Warrior Stadium here Saturday night. ECJC quarterback Mark Killens and receiver Alexander Ealy put on an aerial circus that was close to unbelievable.

"Killens ran the ball in clutch situations with such grace it would have made Roger Staubach drool."

Killens also had success in the passing game, as he connected with Ealy on touchdown passes of three and 58 yards, with the latter score being the game clincher. According to Bishop,s article, "Ealy caught the pass on the Bobcat 40, shook a would-be tackler and raced down the sidelines for the eventual winning score," which came with just over 11 minutes left in the contest.

Killens also ran for a two-point conversion following Willie Hannah's three-yard run in the first quarter, capping an 11-play, 80-yard drive.

Following the game, Killens said the celebration "continued for a long time!"

However, he noted, defeating the Bobcats was not a complete surprise to his teammates and coaches.

"We probably had the best week of practice ever prior to the Jones game. We were mentally and physically ready to play, and really wanted to win the game not only because the Bobcats were undefeated and nationally ranked, but also because Coach Pouncey played football at Jones. It was obviously a big game for him, too," Killens recalled.

Killens and the Warriors posted a 4-6 mark in 1979, which was quite an accomplishment, especially considering what transpired early in the season.

"For some reason Coach Mason left after the third game our freshman season. The job that Coach Pouncey did following Coach Mason's departure is still amazing to me, and Chris Harris did a great job of filling in as assistant coach. They really did a good job keeping the team together, which was probably a big reason we had so much success the following year," Killens said.

Killens regards his two years at East Central as "the best two years of my football career." He further commented, "The friends and relationships that I made at EC are still very strong till this day. Rickey Harrison, who was my roommate during my freshman year, and Chris Harris, who served as an assistant coach the same year, continue to be some of my closest friends."

In addition to playing football, Killens was a member of the Warrior baseball team his freshman season. David Bradberry served as head coach. Killens continued his athletic career at Delta State University, where he was a two-year letterman.

Killens is general manager of Killens Chevrolet, Oldsmobile and Pontiac, Inc. in Newton.

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Bizarre Scoring Play Helps Gulf Coast Defeat ECCC Warriors

A bizarre scoring play in the final stanza helped propel Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College to a 33-17 decision over East Central Community College on a mostly rainy Saturday afternoon at A. L. May Stadium on the Perkinston campus. With about eight minutes remaining, Gulf Coast's Christopher Symmes of St. John lined up for a 33-yard field goal to extend his team's 19-17 lead, only to have his effort blocked by the Warriors. However, the loose pigskin was inadvertently touched by an East Central player then scooped up on the three-yard-line by Bulldog defender Darryl Thomas of Biloxi who crossed the goal line for the easy score. Gulf Coast would later seal the South Division victory on a 33-yard touchdown scamper by Matt Fryfogal of George County with just over two minutes remaining. With the win, Gulf Coast improved to 2-2 overall and 1-1 league play, while East Central fell to 1-3 and 0-2. East Central will be looking to snap its three-game losing skid by hosting division foe Copiah-Lincoln Community College for Homecoming Saturday afternoon. Kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m. at Warrior Stadium. The Wolves fell to 2-2 overall and 1-1 in the division following last week's 36-7 loss to the Jones County Junior College Bobcats. The Bulldogs took a 6-0 lead with just over five minutes left in the opening stanza when Fryfogle tallied on a three-yard run, capping a 73-yard drive that took just three plays. The PAT was blocked. The key play during the march was a 70-yard pass play from quarterback Kalvin Woods of Pass Christian to wide receiver Brandon Biggs of Moss Point, which gave the Bulldogs possession on the EC three-yard-line. Gulf Coast extended its lead with just over four minutes left before halftime on a one-yard plunge by running back Torey Staten of D'lberville. The two-point conversion attempt failed when quarterback Dwain Bannister of New Orleans misfired on his pass to wide receiver Jason Morgan of Long Beach. The short scoring drive began on the EC 10-yard-line and was set up when Warrior punter Mitch Myers of McLaurin was ruled down after his knee apparently touched the ground while trying to handle a low snap. The Warriors found the end zone on their next possession when freshman wide receiver Mario Thomas of Forest tallied on 10-yard option reverse play with 1:28 remaining before intermission. Myers kicked the PAT and EC trailed 12-7. Key plays during the six-play, 62-yard scoring drive included a 35-yard pass completion from freshman quarterback Terrell Robinson of Palatka, Fla., to freshman tailback Elbert Brown of Taylorsville, and Robinson's 13-yard run to the Gulf Coast 14-yard-line. Following gutsy performances by the Gulf Coast and East Central bands during a steady downpour, the home standing Bulldogs took the second half kickoff and marched 70 yards in 13 plays, with Woods going the final yard on a running play. Symmes added the PAT and Gulf Coast led 19-7. The Warriors closed the scoring gap late in the third period when Robinson found pay dirt on a 43-yard scamper, capping a 70-yard march that took just five plays. Myers' PAT brought the Warriors within five points at 19-14. Myers added a 26-yard field goal to begin fourth quarter action as the sun was finally beginning to shine and the Warriors were also seeing brighter moments. A key play during the march included Robinson's 37-yard strike to Thomas, which gave EC possession on the Bulldog 17-yard-line. Gulf Coast was unable to move on their next possession, thanks mainly to a standout defensive performance by freshman linebacker Kelvin Home of Northeast Lauderdale who registered back-to-back sacks of Bulldog quarterback Kalvin Woods totaling 15 yards. The Bulldogs punted on fourth and 25 to the Warriors, who took possession on the EC 24 with 9:36 remaining. However, EC fumbled on the first play from scrimmage, and Gulf Coast regained possession. The Warrior defense again stiffened and forced the Bulldogs to attempt a 33-yard field goal. The result proved disastrous for East Central, who blocked the field goal only to have the loose pigskin touched by a Warrior and returned three yards by the Bulldogs' Darryl Thomas for the score. East Central was unable to muster much offense following the Bulldog touchdown, and Gulf Coast added a late tally on Fryfogle's 33-yard run to clinch the win.

STATISTICS

East Central had 190 yards rushing and 163 passing for a 353 total. Terrell Robinson had 13 rushes for 66 yards and one touchdown. Robinson also completed 10 of 15 passes for 163 yards. Mario Thomas had two rushes for 18 yards and one score. Thomas also had three receptions for 66 yards. Linebacker Sed Eichelberger of Noxapater led the Warrior defense with14 tackles and two assists. Linebacker Kelvin Horne of Northeast Lauderdale had 13 tackles, two assists, and had two quarterback sacks. Gulf Coast had 163 yards rushing and 150 passing for a 313 total.

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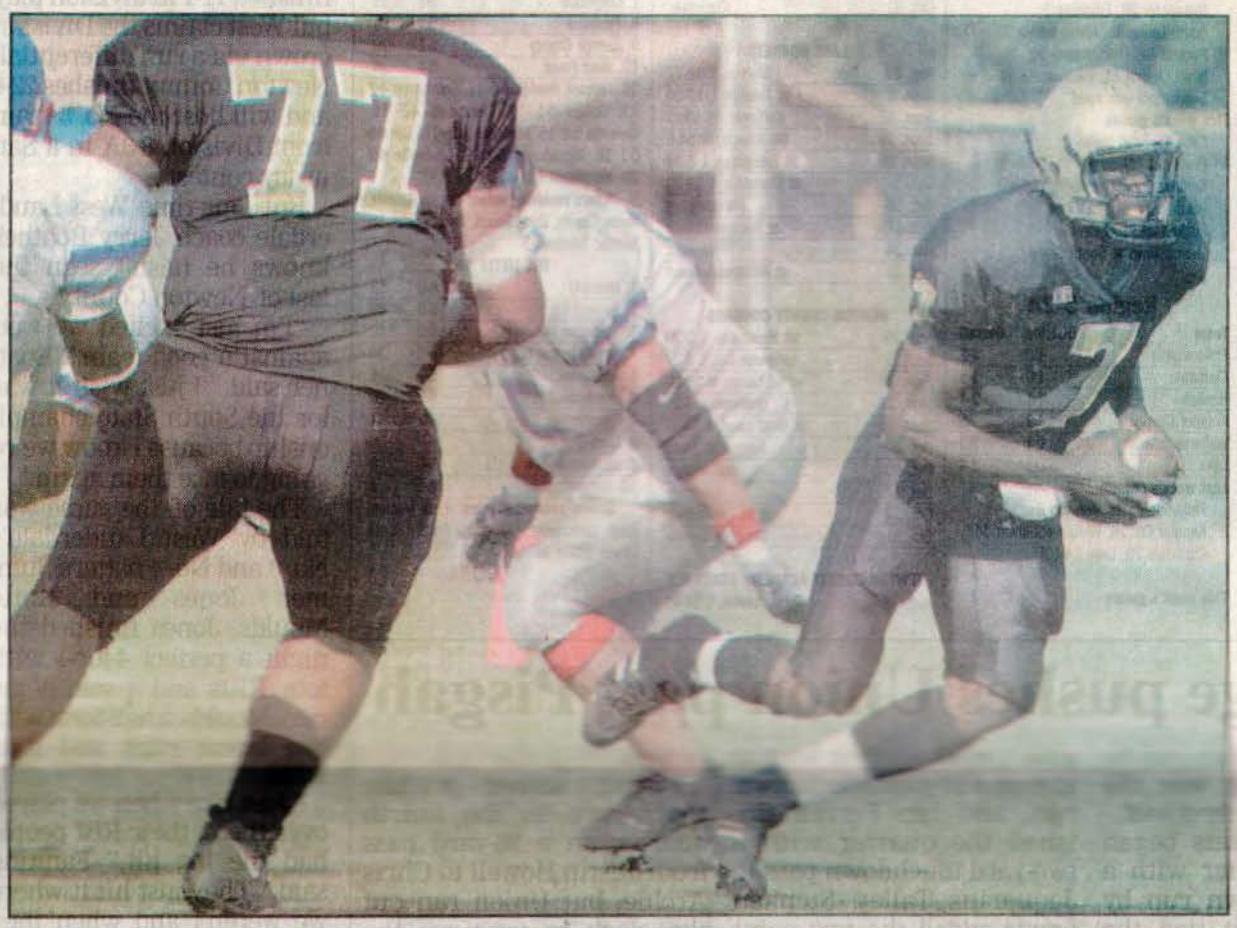

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%By Marty Stamper
EMG sports assistant

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zone. Thomas Garland kicked the extra point. A 39-yard pass from Smith to Leon Stewart to the 5 set up the score.

Two possessions later, the Wolves' Jonathan McLaurin attempted an end around pass that ECCC's Leron Yarbrough picked off and returned 39 yards to the 11. Four plays later, Kenshay Hunter scored from a yard out. Mitch Myers' PAT tied the game at 7-7.

The Warriors had to punt on their next possession, but took over at the Co-Lin 20 when the ball hit Co-Lin's Howard Overby and Lee Fairchilds recovered. On fourth-and-one just outside the 10, Hunter raced up the middle to put the Warriors up 14-7 following Myers' kick.

Aided by a 58-yard toss from Johnathan Little to Williams, the Wolves drew to within 14-13 with 2:08 left in the first half on a 1-yard run by Corey Rhodes. Yarbrough blocked Garland's PAT as ECCC carried a one-point lead into the break.

The Wolves reclaimed the lead at 19-14 with 10:0 showing in the third quarter when Smith foun Johnathan Walker between five Warriors and the Co Lin receiver score untouched on the 39-yar play. A two-point pass wa incomplete.

It was feeding time aga for the Warriors wh Whitney Wilkins muffed diving attempt to catch punt and ECCC recover at the Co-Lin 18. Four pl later, Warrior quarterba

Terrell Robinson bootlegged around right end as ECCC went up 21-19 with 6:35 remaining in the third period.

Three plays later, the Warriors had another feeding frenzy as Tommy Searight picked off a Smith pass and returned it 15 yards to the Co-Lin 28. Three plays after the pick, Robinson hit Bobby Lindsey, who juked past Damien Gary at the 10 and continued into the end zone for a 28-19 lead with 3:04 to go in the third quarter.

The Warriors covered 63 yards to go up 35-19 with 2:48 left in the game. Speedy Titus Ryan outran the Wolves around left end for a 28-yard score.

The Wolves fed the Warriors for the last time when a high snap resulted in a 17-yard punt by Garland. Starting at the Co-Lin 45, it took seven plays for ECCC to go up 42-19 on a 1-yard plunge by Darryl Mapp with 6:14 remaining. Robinson teamed with a wide open Cameron Tawater for an 18-yard gain on the preceding play.

Co-Lin had the ball at the ECCC 11 and again at the Warrior 6 following a fumble recovery in the final six minutes only to come away empty both times.

"We took advantage of the opportunities which is something we haven't been doing," Underwood said. "I thought our offense played super. I don't think they really stopped us in the second half. And our defense played good overall, except for two or three big pass plays.

Underwood

"We needed a win. Maybe this is something we can build on."

ECCC had 330 total yards with 248 coming on 47 rushes. Germaine Smith had 76 yards on seven carries with 53 coming on one run on ECCC's final possession.

The Wolves had 313 total yards with 301 coming through the air. The Wolves had just 12 yards rushing on 29 attempts. Co-Lin had 12 carries for minus-37 yards in the second half.

WEEK OF 9-16

ECCC Warriors snap skid with 42-19 Homecoming win

East Central Community College snapped a three-game losing streak in grand style Saturday afternoon by posting a 42-19 homecoming victory over Copiah-Lincoln Community College at Warrior Stadium.

With the win, the Warriors improved to 2-3 overall and 1-2 in South Division action, while the visiting Wolves are also 2-3 and 1-2.

Next up for East Central are the undefeated Jones County Junior College Bobcats, who sneaked past homestanding Southwest Mississippi Community College 17-14 Saturday to improve to 5-0 and 2-0. Kickoff for the EC/Jones matchup is set for 7 p.m. Saturday on the Ellisville campus.

Co-Lin took an early 7-0 lead when quarterback Ty Smith, a product of Adams Christian, fired a five-yard touchdown strike to tight end Billy Williams of Brookhaven. Thomas Garland of Copiah Academy added the PAT. The 40-yard scoring march took just six plays and was set up by a Warrior fumble.

East Central tied the contest early in the second period when tailback Kenshay Hunter of Philadelphia found the end zone on a one-yard plunge.

Mitch Myers of McLaurin made the first of his six PATs on the day to deadlock the score. The Warrior touchdown was set up when cornerback Leron Yarborough of Louisville intercepted a Co-Lin pass on the Wolves' 43 and returned the pigskin to the 11-yard-line.

The Warriors took the lead on their next possession with Hunter again crossing the goal line, this time from 10 yards out. The 20-yard scoring march took just four plays was set up by when Warrior linebacker Lee Fairchilds of Morton recovered a Wolf fumble.

Co-Lin answered the Warrior tally with a one-yard touchdown run by running back Corey Rhodes of Mendenhall, capping a seven-play, 70-yard drive.

Garland's PAT was blocked by Yarborough, and the Warriors took a 14-13 advantage to the dressing room at halftime.

The Wolves regained the lead with about 10 minutes left in the third stanza when Smith connected on a 39-yard scoring pass play to wide receiver Johnathan Walker of Mendenhall. The two-point conversion failed, but the Wolves were out front 19-14.

It did not take long for East Central to regain and keep the lead, as the Warriors took advantage of several Co-Lin miscues.

Quarterback Terrell Robinson scored on a six-yard bootleg with just over six minutes left in the third stanza, capping an 18-yard drive in just four plays. The short march was set up when Co-Lin fumbled Myers' punt and Fairchilds recovered the pigskin on the 18-yard-line. Three minutes later East Central extended its lead to 28-19 when Robinson connected with wide receiver Bobby Lindsey of Newton on a 31-yard touchdown pass. The four-play, 27-yard scoring march was set up when Warrior cornerback Tommy Searight of D'Iberville intercepted Smith's pass on the Co-Lin 41 and returned the pigskin to th 27-yard-line.

The Warriors added two fourth quarte scores to clinch the South Division win, with th first coming on a 28-yard yard scamper by tai back Titus Ryan of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Count capping a five-play, 43-yard drive, and the oth on a one-yard dive by tailback Darryl Mapp, product of Newton County High School. Mapp' score came with just over six minutes remainin and capped an eight-play, 45-yard march set u by a 17-yard Co-Lin punt.

STATISTICS

East Central had 250 yards rushing an 83 yards passing for a 333 total. Germaine Smit of Newton County led Warrior rushers with 7 yards on seven carries. Terrell Robinson rushe 10 times for 50 yards and one score, and Kensha Hunter had 41 yards on 12 attempts and tw touchdowns. Robinson completed eight of 1 passes for 83 yards and one score. Top receiver were Titus Ryan, four catches for 30 yard Bobby Lindsey, one catch for 31 yards and touchdown; and tight end Cameron Tawater Philadelphia, who had one grab for 18 yards. E had 13 first downs.

Co-Lin had 293 yards passing and ju 12 rushing yards for a 305 total. Ty Smith com pleted seven of 13 passes for 100 yards and ha one interception, and Johnathan Little Charleston, South Carolina, completed 11 of 1 passes for 193 yards. The Wolves had 12 fir downs.

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Jones County Bobcats rally to defeat East Central, 17-7

East Central Community College led nationally ranked Jones County Junior College 7-3 at halftime, but the slim lead was not enough as the Bobcats rallied for two third-quarter scores en route to a 17-7 decision Saturday night on the Ellisville campus.

The Warriors fell to 2-4 overall and 1-3 in league play following the loss, while the Bobcats, who were ranked fourth in NJCAA poll prior to the matchup, remained unbeaten with 6-0 and 3-0 marks.

Jones struck first in the South Division battle when freshman kicker Ben Beasley of Laurel connected on a 42-yard field goal with 6:36 remaining in the opening stanza. The short scoring drive began on the EC 34-yard line and was set up when a pass from Warrior freshman quarterback Terrell Robinson of Palatka, Fla., was picked off by Bobcat defensive back Tywan Napper of Clairton, Penn.

East Central grabbed a 7-3 lead with 1:44 left before halftime when sophomore running back Titus Ryan of Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County found the end zone on a 20-yard scamper. Freshman kicker Mitch Myers of McLaurin added the PAT. Key plays during the 45-yard scoring march - which was set up when sophomore defensive end Nick Frazier of Louisville intercepted a Bobcat pass – included a 16-yard run by freshman tailback Kenshay Hunter of Philadelphia and Robinson's 19-yard completion to sophomore wide receiver Bobby Lindsey of Newton.

Jones regained and kept the lead following two tallies in the third period.

The first score came on a 10-yard pass from freshman quarterback Derek Boykin of Carrollton, Ga., to freshman wide receiver Michael Johnson of Heidelberg, capping a 15-play, 72-yard march to begin the second half.

Boykin later crossed the goal line on a two-yard plunge following a six-play, 59-yard drive set up by a Warrior fumble. Sophomore kicker Jordan Dennis of Madison-Ridgeland Academy added both PATs.

STATISTICS

East Central had 162 yards rushing and 117 yards passing for a 279 total. Quarterback Terrell Robinson was the leading rusher with 62 yard on 13 carries. Robinson completed nine of 25 passes. Titus Ryan was the leading receiver with four receptions for 56 yards. Ryan also had 86 yards on two kickoff returns. He scored the Warriors' only touchdown on a 20-yard run. East Central had 13 first downs.

Jones had 177 yards rushing and 118 yards passing for a 295 total. Freshman running back Voncarie Owens of Collins led the Bobcats in rushing with 113 yards on 23 carries. Owens, the state's leading rusher, also had five catches for 26 yards. Quarterback Derek Boykin completed 13 of 22 passes. Jones had 14 first downs.

Defensively for East Central, freshman linebackers Sed Eichelberger of Noxapater and Kelvin Horne of Northeast Lauderdale led the charge with 10 and nine tackles, respectively. Sophomore cornerback Leron Yarbrough and free safety Nick Frazier, both of Louisville, each had an interception.

GAME THIS WEEK

The Warriors travel to Hinds Community College this Saturday for a 2 p.m. kickoff on the Raymond campus. The Eagles are 5-1 and 4-0 following last Saturday's 20-0 shutout of Copiah-Lincoln.

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"Bottom line is our kids played hard but we didn't convert in some crucial situations when we needed to," ECCC coach Terry Underwood said.

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on road against Hinds

wood said. "I was proud of the effort by our kids. They played hard. But Hinds isn't 6-1 by accident.

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The Eagles added a third-quarter score on a 20-yard pass play from sophomore quarterback Terrance Matthews to sophomore wide receiver Von Mixon. The Eagles, final points came on Mascagni's 36-yard field goal to begin fourth-quarter action.

Matthews, one of the state's top quarterbacks, completed 16-of-27 passes for 254 yards. The Hinds, rushing attack was led by freshman running back Greg Clark who had 21 carries for 103 yards. Robinson completed 5-of-12 passes for 83 yards and one touchdown.

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"We've actually played pretty good these last two weeks," Underwood said. "We had opportunities to win both games. And we've got another ranked opponent coming in this week. This is a tough league but I don't anybody else has played the kind of schedule we've played the last three weeks."

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ECCC Flag Football Runners-Up

"Swangas" finished second in the annual intramural flag football competition held at East Central Community College. Team members include, from left, front, Orie Hudson, Philadelphia; Geno Boone, Thomastown; Johnathan Griffin and Thomas Taylor, both of Philadelphia; Daniel Truss, Carthage; back, Fred Denson, Morton; Saztec Smith, Carthage; Trovel Rogers, Edinburg; D'Andre Hardin, Louisville; T.J. Dear, Thomastown; and Maurice Calhoun, Montgomery, Ala.

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WEEK OF Oct 27

East Central falls short

Special to the Record

DECATUR – On a night of big plays, none stood out more than a controversial 76-yard run by Northwest Mississippi Community College quarterback Rayburn Morris whose touchdown gallop midway in the final stanza helped give the Rangers a 40-31 win over East Central Community College Thursday night on the Decatur campus.

The victory also gave the North Division champion Rangers a 7-1 record while East Central slipped to 2-6. The Warriors will close out season action by hosting division foe Southwest Mississippi Community College at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 30.

"I tell this group that we are not that far from being 6-2," ECCC coach Terry Underwood said. "This group really isn't that bad. It's just been a couple of plays here and a couple of plays there.

"The thing that makes me the proudest is they haven't quit. We could have quit against Northwest but didn't and I have to give my coaches a lot of credit for that."

The Bears defeated Co-Lin 30-7 Thursday night to improve to 4-4 overall and 2-3 in the South Division. The Warriors are 1-4 in league play.

"Southwest may be 4-4 but they are just as good as the team we played Thursday night," Underwood said. "They could easily be 8-0 right now. I think there is more parity in this league than it has ever been."

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ECCC 31

included a 21-yard pass from Robinson to wide receiver Derrick Harris of Union followed by Robinson's 22-yard strike to Hunter at the Ranger 20-yard-line.

It took Northwest about a minute to answer the Warrior tally, as Morris connected with wide receiver Derrick Hassell on a 28-yard touchdown pass. The PAT again failed but the Rangers extended their lead to 33-25.

The Rangers put the game out of reach on the first play of East Central's next possession, when defensive back Jason Campbell of Holly Springs picked off Robinson's pass and sprinted 45 yards to paydirt with 2:32 remaining. Kevin Dowell of Southaven added the PAT.

The Warriors put the final points on the scoreboard with Robinson hooking up with Harris for a six-yard touchdown pass with 19 seconds remaining. The two-point conversion failed.

East Central led early in the non-divisional matchup when Robinson found fullback Clinton Thomas of Ripley open in the end zone for a six-yard scoring pass play with 5:23 left in the first period. Mitch Myers of Brandon added the PAT.

Northwest tied the contest with just 25 seconds remaining before halftime when running back Chad Brown of Batesville was on the receiving end of a three-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Dallas Mooneyham of Oxford. Dowell added the PAT.

East Central tallied again with 8:37 left in the game on a three-yard plunge by fullback Germaine Smith of Newton County, capping a 10-play, 51-yard march.

The Warriors were now within two points at 21-19, but momentum quickly returned to the Rangers on Morris' 76-yard touchdown scamper.

The stats

Freshman Terrell Robinson had his best outing as the Warrior signal caller, completing 20-of-39 passes for 301 yards and three touchdowns. Top receivers were Derrick Harris, who had nine catches for 138 yards, and Bobby Lindsey' six grabs for 102 yards. East Central had 122 yards rushing, with Germaine Smith the top rusher with 43 yards on 12 carries and one score.

Northwest had 229 yards rushing and 142 yards passing for a 371 total.

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WEEK OF Nov 3

East Central ends year with disappointing loss

From combined reports

East Central Community College's football team battled tooth-and-nail with most of its opponents this season and endured some awful tough losses.

But a 24-0 setback to visiting Southwest Mississippi last Thursday was even harder to swallow for ECCC coach Terry Underwood.

"I take full responsibility ... but we didn't compete tonight," Underwood said after the Warriors were blanked at home and finished 2-7 on the season — 1-5 in the South Division.

The wild affair featured three touchdown passes by Southwest quarterback Reggie Lindsey, a third-quarter brawl, two missed field goals by EC and two Warrior ejections.

"We didn't come out ready to play," Underwood said. "It was embarrassing. We just got a good old-fashioned butt-kicking.

"Southwest has got a good team, and I salute them and I give them credit," Underwood said of the Bears, who finished 5-4 overall and 3-3 in the South.

Lindsey's first touchdown pass came in the opening quarter, a 37-yarder to Reggie Lindsey with 2:15 on the clock. Royce Fonte hit the first of three successful PATs for the Bears to make it 7-0. Lindsey also had a 16-yard scoring strike to Scottie Reddix with just 10 seconds left in the second quarter; and he hit Reddix on a 66-yard touchdown toss later in the game.

Fonte added a 32-yard field goal.

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Choctaw Central, while
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yards — with Anderson catching four
of those passes for 76 yards.

• **Correction:** In a story which appeared in the Oct. 29 edition of *The Neshoba Democrat*, Choctaw Central's Geno Mack was given credit for a touchdown run in the Warriors' 28-14 loss to Forest; when Rodgrick Anderson should have been credited with a touchdown reception instead. Erroneous information was provided to *The Neshoba Democrat*, which deeply regrets the error.

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WEEK OF Dec 1

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Johnson

Four ECCC players, LA's Chancellor to play in all-star games

Four East Central football players have been chosen to represent the South squad in this weekend's MACJC All-Star Classic.

The 30th annual game will be held Saturday at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville.

Defensive back Leron Yarbrough, center Rhyne Thompson, defensive lineman Willie Johnson and offensive lineman Rudy Su'e will represent EC in the 1p.m. kickoff.

Also, Leake Academy's Jeffery Chancellor will represent the Rebels in the Mississippi Private School Association All-Star game Friday.

Chancellor, a senior tailback who rolled up 1,402 yards on the ground this past season, will suit up for the North team in the game, which is set to begin at 6 p.m. at Mississippi College's Robinson-Hale Stadium Clinton.

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WEEK OF Dec 15

ECCC FOOTBALL HONORS

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ECCC WARRIORS CHOSEN HONORABLE MENTION, ALL-STATE: Pictured are members of the East Central Community College football team who received honorable mention All-State honors following the 2003 season. Seated from left are defensive tackle Corey Hayes, Forest; offensive guard Dennis Harris, Morton; cornerback Tommy Searight, D'Iberville; tight end Cameron Tawater, Philadelphia; wide receiver Chris Smith, Ridgeland; fullback Clinton Thomas, Ripley; and free safety Nick Frazier, Louisville. Second row, from left, are offensive guard Cavoris Grant, Columbus; fullback Germaine Smith, Newton County; tailback Kenshay Hunter, Philadelphia; cornerback Derrell Ashford, Louisville; linebacker Marcus Cleveland, Morton; strong safety Tony Edison, Collins; offensive tackle Chris Allen, Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County; and linebacker Kelvin Horne, Northeast Lauderdale. Back row, from left, are offensive guard Michael Wright, Newton; defensive lineman Willie Johnson, Oconee County HS, Athens, GA; center Rhyne Thompson, Louisville; quarterback Terrell Robinson, Palatka, FL; wide receiver Bobby Lindsey, Newton; and defensive end Mantrell Ashford, Louisville.

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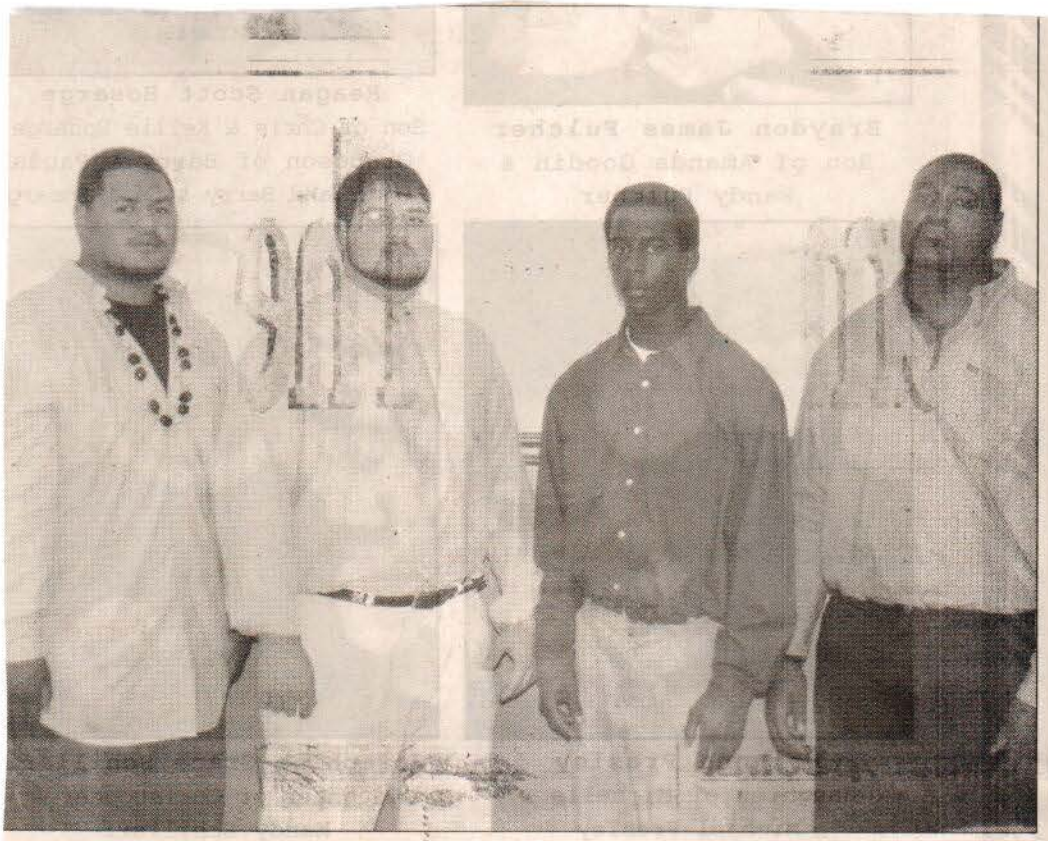

Representing East Central Community College on the South squad in the MACJC All-Star Football Game were (from left) offensive lineman Rudy Su'e (6', 305) of Escambia High School, Pensacola, Fla.; center Rhyne Thompson (6-1, 300) and defensive back Leron Yarbrough (6í, 170) both of Louisville; and defensive lineman Willie Johnson (6-2, 290), a product of Oconee County High School in Pensacola, Fla. The North rallied for a 10-7 win in the annual contest, held December 6 at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville.

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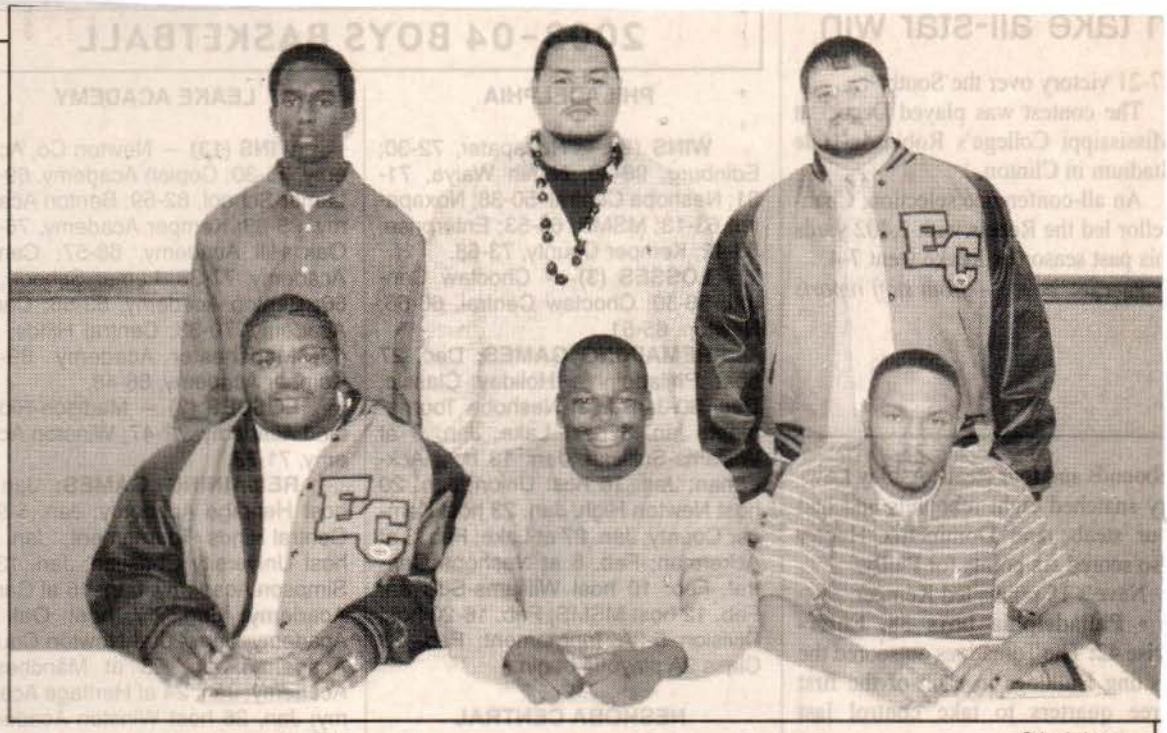

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Hunter among ECCC football award winners ...

Members of the 2003 East Central football team who received team honors at the annual Fall Sports Banquet included (seated from left) defensive captain Corey Hayes; linebacker Sed Eichelberger of Noxapater, most valuable player; and tailback Kenshay Hunter of Philadelphia, most valuable offensive back; and (standing from left) cornerback Leron Yarbrough, academic award and Kemba Bryant, Most Valuable Defensive Back; most valuable offensive lineman and offensive team captain Rudy Su'e; and Rhyne Thompson of Louisville, "Warrior Award."

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WEEK OF Dec 29

Postseason honors presented to ECCC football players

Numerous members of the East Central Community College football team received honors following the 2003 campaign, head football coach Terry Underwood announced.

At the top of the list are offensive guard Rudy Su'e, a product of Escambia High School in Pensacola, Fla., and linebacker Sed Eichelberger of Noxapater who were selected first-team All-State.

Cornerback Leron Yarbrough and offensive tackle Davis Carter, both of Louisville, were chosen second-team All-State.

A host of players received honorable mention All-State, including defensive tackle Corey Hayes, Forest; offensive guard Dennis Harris and linebacker Marcus Cleveland, both of Morton; cornerback Tommy Searight, d'Iberville; tight end Cameron Tawater, Philadelphia; wide receiver Chris Smith, Ridgeland; fullback Clinton Thomas, Ripley; free safety Nick Frazier, center Rhyne Thompson, cornerback Derrell Ashford and defensive end Mantrell Ashford, all of Louisville; offensive guard Cavoris Grant, Columbus; fullback Germaine Smith, Newton County; tailback Kenshay Hunter, Philadelphia; strong safety Tony Edison, Collins; offensive tackle Chris Allen, Tuscaloosa (Ala.) County; linebacker Kelvin Horne, Northeast Lauderdale; offensive guard Michael Wright and wide receiver Bobby Lindsey, both of Newton; defensive lineman Willie Johnson, Oconee County HS, Athens, Ga.

Yarbrough, Thompson, Johnson and Su'e were also selected MACJC All-Stars and represented ECCC on the South squad.

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WEEK OF March 24

ECCC making plans to host Warrior Golf Classic on June 12

Plans are underway for the second annual East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic – a fundraiser for ECCC scholarships - which will be held Thursday, June 12 at the award-winning Dancing Rabbit Golf Club on the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw, Mississippi.

A shotgun start at 9 a.m. officially begins the four-person scramble, scheduled on the Oaks Course. Entry fee is $125 per person, which includes green fees, golf cart, tournament T-shirt, box lunch and the opportunity to win various door prizes. An awards ceremony concludes the day's activities. The deadline to enter the Warrior Golf Classic is Friday, May 30.

Corporate sponsorships are also available on the following levels: Gold - $650 (includes fees for one team and hole sponsorship with company name prominently displayed); Silver- $400 (includes fees for two golfers and hole sponsorship with company name prominently displayed); Hole Sponsor - $200 (one-hole sponsorship with company or individual name prominently displayed); and T-Shirt Sponsor - $100 (company name listed on tournament T-shirt).

All sponsors will be also recognized in the ECCC alumni magazine, The Warrior, which is mailed to approximately 10,000 alumni and friends of the College.

Proceeds from the tournament will be used to fund scholarships for students from the five-county district who plan to attend East Central. Last year's tournament netted $7,000 for scholarships, which will be presented to incoming freshmen at the College's annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon scheduled in May.

For more information contact Stacey Hollingsworth, Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 375. The email address is sholling@eccc.edu.

ECCC golfers place second at Jones Tourney

East Central Community College's golf team is off to a successful start in 2003, finishing near the top in early season competition.

The Warrior golfers placed second at the Pine Belt course in Hattiesburg on March 19 with a 318 total score. Al Jones of Meridian led EC with a 77 and was named to the All-Tournament Team. Other team members and their respective scores include Jim Dilley of Forest and Kody Comans of Decatur, who each carded an 80; Philip Dickerson of Union, 81; and David Burt of Newton, 84.

Jones County Junior College served as tournament host.

East Central finished third in the season-opening match at Meridian's Northwood Country Club on March 18 with a 326 score. Dilley led the Warriors with a 76 and was selected on the All-Tournament Team. Other Warrior scorers were Jones and Burt, who each carded an 83; Dickerson, 84; and Comans, 87.

Meridian Community College hosted the tournament.

ECCC golfers will compete in a two-day tournament hosted by East Mississippi Community College and held at Old Waverly in West Point on April 1-2, followed by a one-day match April 8 on the Wolf Hollow course at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson.

The remaining schedule for April includes tournaments on the Eagle Ridge course at Hinds Community College on April 9; the Big Oak course in Tupelo on April 14; and at an undecided site in Jackson on April 15.

The state and region tournament will be held April 22-24 at the Great Southern course in Gulfport.

Tim Coats serves as coach of the Warrior golf team.

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Sports Journal

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The Meridian Community College golf team took the top spot at two tournaments in recent action.

The Eagles won the Rush Redgate Meridian Community College Invitational with a 290, and they followed that victory with a 293 outing to win at Jones Junior College.

The Lady Eagles softball squad climbed to two games over .500 last Saturday.

MCC routed the East Central Community College Lady Warriors 11-2 and 10-0 at Northeast Park to push its record up to 8-6 for the season.

Amanda Stricklin notched a no-hit victory in the second game of the double-header, with three strike outs and one walk.

The Eagles baseball team went 3-1 in back-to-back double headers last Thursday and Friday.

After dropping its first game of the four-game stand 4-2 to Jefferson College, MCC stormed back to win the next contest 12-7 last Thursday.

The Eagles continued to roll, taking two games from Shelton State last Friday 7-2 and 9-5.

West Lauderdale defenseman Tyler Skelton signed with the Meridian Community College soccer team last Monday.

Skelton is the last signee for next fall's freshman class for MCC.

— Tony Krausz

Jones

Coach Bobby Glaze's Bobcats are on a hot-streak.

JCJC had won five straight games prior to Tuesday's home doubleheader vs.Hinds. The Bobcats are now 8-11 on the season.

In action last week, the Bobcats beat Onondago (N.Y.) Community College, 8-3, 5-4 and 7-1. They swept East Mississippi, 6-5 and 8-7.

Against East Mississippi in the opener, Jonathan Robertson had three hits, while Michael McCraney and Nathan Jack had two hits each. T.J. Grissom was the winning pitcher.

In game two, McCraney had two hits, including a two-run homer, while Donnie Dearman and Nick Chatham added hits. Trey Clardy was the winning pitcher.

JCJC will open South Division play Saturday at home vs. Co-Lin.

Coach Ed Smith's golfers got on the links twice last week.

In the Meridian Community College Invitational, JCJC's Jeremy Young made the All-Tournament team with a 78. The Bobcats finished with a 328.

In their own JCJC Invitational at Pine Belt National Golf Club in Moselle, the Bobcats were fourth in Division III with a 324. Nolan Green made the All-Tournament team with a 78. Other JCJC scores were Jim Rasberry (79), Jeremy Young (83), Jacob Bynum (84), Phillip Temple (88) Matt Hegwood (84) and Jordan Dole (86).

The Bobcats will be in the East Mississippi Community College Invitational Tuesday and Wednesday at Old Waverly Golf Club in West Point.

The JCJC tennis team whipped East Central, 9-0, in men and women's matches. On the men's side, JCJC's Ken Crumpton defeated Brandon Walker, 6-1, 6-1. JCJC's Brian Moore def. Jeremy Wilcher, 6-2, 6-7, 10-4. JCJC's Russ Johnson defeated Luke Howell, 6-2, 2-6, 10-5. JCJC's Nolan Gouguet def. Alan Taylor, 7-5, 6-1. JCJC's Brooks Buffington def. Jason Fulcher, 6-1, 6-0. JCJC won No. 6 men's singles by default.

In doubles, Crumpton/Johnson def. Walker/Howell, 8-2 and Moore/Gouguet def. Taylor/Wilcher, 8-2. JCJC won No. 3 doubles by default. The JCJC men are now 2-2.

For the women, JCJC's Jordan Ladner def. Carrie Shrock, 6-1, 6-0. JCJC's Stephanie Stringer def. Kery McBeal, 6-4, 6-4. JCJC's Andrea Austin def. Nickie Tullos, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3). JCJC's Ashley Hughes def. Kristen Dunn, 6-1, 6-0. JCJC's Lara Rittenhouse def. Courtney Puckett, 6-1, 6-0. JCJC's Allyn James def. Jennifer Walker, 6-3, 6-0.

In doubles, Ladner/Stringer def. Shrock/McBeal, 8-2. Austin/Hughes def. Puckett/Dunn, 8-1. JCJC's Laura Rutherford/Krista Rogers def. Tullos/Walker, 8-1.

The Lady Bobcats improve to 3-3.

— Shawn Wansley

East Central Community College

ECCC softball player Tina Robbins provided the squad with one of its few bright spots in a doubleheader loss to Meridian Community College.

The Lady Warriors right fielder was the only player to reach base in the second-game loss.

Robbins drew a walk and made it to first base on a Lady Eagles' fielding error in the 10-0 loss.

ECCC golfer Jim Dilley fired a 76 at the Rush Redgate Meridian Community College Invitational and was elected to the Division III all-tournament team.

— Tony Krausz

East Mississippi Community College

The Lions baseball team had its seven-game winning streak snapped on March 19.

EMCC lost both games of a double-header on the road to Jones County Junior College 6-5 and 7-8.

The Lions continued to struggle in their next four games losing a rescheduled home double-header to Itawamba Community College 2-0 and 8-5 last Thursday.

EMCC lost two more games to Pearl River Community College 7-2 and 10-6 on the road last Saturday.

The Lady Lions softball squad was swept at home in its Central Division opener by Holmes Community College last Thursday.

Holmes took both games of a double-header 7-0 and 7-6.

The EMCC golf team came in fourth at the Jones County Junior College Invitational in Hattiesburg last Wednesday, and the squad came in fifth at the Rush Redgate Meridian Community College Invitational.

— Tony Krausz

WEEK OF April 14

EC golfers capture division

East Central Community College golfers took top honors in their division following tournaments held on courses at Hinds Community College in Raymond and Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson.

The Warrior linksters, who compete in Division III, carded a 316 at Hinds' Eagle Ridge course on April 9 to defeat Jones (328), Co-Lin (330), and Northwest (342). East Central placed third overall, six strokes behind Division II winner Meridian Community College. Philip Dickerson of Union shot a 75 to lead East Central and was also tournament medalist. Other scorers were David Burt of Newton and Al Jones of Meridian, who each shot 80; Jim Dilley of Forest, 81; and Kody Comans of Decatur, 85. Dickerson, Burt and Jones were named to the All-Tournament Team.

East Central posted a 314 total on the Wolf Hollow course in Wesson on April 8 in defeating Co-Lin (328), Jones (333) and Northwest (338). The Warriors also tied Division II champion Meridian Community College for overall tournament honors.

Burt carded a 75 to win medalist honors and was also named to the All-Tournament Team. Other Warrior scorers were Dickerson, 77; Comans, 80; Dilley, 82; and Jason Sistrunk of Sebastopol, 91. Dickerson and Comans were also named to the All-Tournament Team.

The Warrior golfers finished second in Division III competition following a two-day match held April 2 at Old Waverly Golf Club in West Point and hosted by East Mississippi Community College. ECCC scorers were Dickerson, 152 (79-73); Dilley, 158 (77-81); E. J. Bane of Louisville, 174 (83-91); Jones, 175 (88-87); and Burt, 177 (87-90). Dickerson was tournament medalist and Dilley was named to the All-Tournament Team.

The ECCC golfers have one remaining tournament prior to the MACJC/Region 23 Tournament scheduled April 22-24 on the Great Southern course in Gulfport.

The Warriors will travel to Canton Country County on April 15 for a one-day tournament hosted by Holmes Community College.

Tim Coats serves as Warrior golf coach.

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WEEK OF April 21

ECCC Golf

East Central Community College golfers finished third in their division at a juco tournament held April 15 at Canton Country Club and hosted by Holmes Community College.

Al Jones of Meridian led the Warrior linksters with a 73 and was tournament medalist. Other team members and their respective scores included Jim Dilley of Forest, 74; Philip Dickerson of Union, 82; Kody Comans of Decatur, 85; and David Burt of Newton, 89. Dilley was named to the All-Tournament Team.

The ECCC golf team concludes the 2003 campaign by participating in the Region 23/MACJC Tournament April 22-24 at the Great Southern course in Gulfport. Tim Coats serves as Warrior golf coach.

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WEEK OF April 28

ECCC golfers capture Division III, Region 23 title

East Central Community College's golf team can add another trophy to the display case in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building after capturing the Division III, Region 23 Tournament held April 22-24 at the Great Southern Golf Course in Gulfport.

Philip Dickerson of Union shot 156 (79-77) to lead the Warrior linksters who carded a 637 in the two-day tournament and beat Northwest by six strokes. Dickerson also won Division III medalist honors and qualified for the NJCAA Golf Tournament along with Kody Comans of Decatur who shot 157 (78-79). Comans was also named to the Division III All-Tournament team. The NJCAA Division III Tournament begins June 2 in upstate New York.

Other members of the championship Warrior golf team and their respective scores included Al Jones of Meridian, 160 (81-79); Jim Dilley of Forest, 167 (88-79); and David Burt of Newton 167 (85-82).

In addition to winning the Region title, second-year Warrior golf coach Tim Coats was named Division III Coach of the Year. The Warrior golf team had one of its most successful seasons in recent memory, winning two other tournaments during season action. East Central also had two second-place finishes and came in third in two events.

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WEEK OF May 12

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

East Central Community College golf team wins Region 23 title

East Central Community College's golf team had a successful 2003 campaign, winning the Division III Region 23 title after posting several victories in season action. Team members include (from left) E. J. Bane of Louisville, Philip Dickerson of Union, Jason Sistrunk of Sebastopol, Al Jones of Meridian, Coach Tim Coats, Kody Comans of Decatur, Chris Bounds of Newton, Jim Dilley of Forest and David Burt of Newton.

Dickerson and Comans were named to the All-Region Team and qualified for the NJCAA Golf Tournament, scheduled June 2-6 in New York. Coats was selected Division III Coach of the Year. Burt has signed a scholarship with Hannibal-LaGrange College in Hannibal, Missouri. The ECCC golfers won two other tournaments in 2003, had two second-place finishes and came in third in two events.

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WEEK OF May 12

East Central's Coats Selected Coach of Year

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GOLFER SIGNS—East Central Community College golfer David Burt (left) of Newton has signed a scholarship with Hannibal-LaGrange College in Hannibal, Missouri. Burt, shown with ECCC golf coach Tim Coats, helped lead the Warrior linksters to the Division III, Region 23 Tournament title and a successful 2003 campaign. East Central won two tournaments during season action, placed second in two other events and had two third-place finishes. Burt won medalist honors at the Copiah-Lincoln Community College tournament and was named to the All-Tournament Team at the Co-Lin and Hinds tournaments. Hannibal-LaGrange College is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA) Division I and the American Midwest Conference (AMC). (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF May 26

ECCC plans to host second golf tourney

For the second consecutive year, East Central Community College plans to give golfers the chance to play a round of their favorite game, while also helping fund student scholarships.

The ECCC Warrior Golf Classic, which raised $7,000 in scholarship monies in 2002, its inaugural year, will be held Thursday, June 12, at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club on The Oaks Course at the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw.

The deadline for registration is Friday, May 30.

For more information about registering, contact ECCC at 1-877-462-3222, Ext. 323 or 327, or call 601-635-6327, log onto www.eccc.edu, or send an email to sholling@eccc.edu.

The event will be a scramble with the cost of a four-person team set at $500 and $125 for an individual.

Player fees include green fees, cart rental, lunch and door prizes.

Prizes will be awarded to the corporate team winner and the top three teams.

On-course prizes will also be awarded.

On the day of the event registration will begin at 8 a.m. with a "shotgun start" planned for 9 a.m.

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WEEK OF June 2

EC Golfers Travel to NY

Pictured above is the entire East Central Community College Golf Team along with Head Coach Tim Coats. East Central Community College golf team members Philip Dickerson of Union and Kody Comans of Decatur will be traveling to New York later this week to compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division III Tournament scheduled at the Chautauqua Golf Club. The four-day, 72-hole event gets underway June 3. Jamestown Community College serves as tournament host. The Warriors golfers qualified for the NJCAA Tournament by winning spots on the All-Region 23 Team after leading East Central to the Division III, Region 23 Tournament crown following competition at the Great Southern Golf Course in Gulfport. Tim Coats, who was selected Division III "Coach of the Year," will accompany the Warrior linksters to New York.

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WEEK OF June 2

EC golfers competing at NJCAA tourney

East Central Community College golf team members Philip Dickerson of Union and Kody Comans of Decatur are competing in the NJCAA Division III Tournament this week at the Chautauqua Golf Club. The four-day, 72-hole event got under way Tuesday.

The Chatauqua, N.Y., course has hosted the tournament every year since 1999.

This year's tournament has qualifiers from over 20 states and 40 schools.

The first nine holes of the 36-hole course opened in 1914.

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Warrior Golf Classic slated for Thursday

By ROCKY HIGGINBOTHAM
Sports Editor

Various door prizes and the opportunity to win a 2003 Ford Mustang will be available to participants in this year's second annual East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic.

Thursday's tournament is a fundraiser for ECCC scholarships and will be held at the award-winning Dancing Rabbit Golf Club on the Pearl River Resort near Philadelphia.

A shotgun start at 9 a.m. officially begins the four-person scramble, which will be played at the Oaks Course. The entry fee includes green fees, a golf cart, tournament T-shirt and a box lunch. An awards ceremony concludes the day's activities.

Frontier Ford in Carthage is sponsoring a hole-in-one contest on the challenging par-3, 177-yard No. 17 hole. The first person to ace the hole will win a new Mustang, which will be on display at the course.

Also scheduled is a "Drive the Middle" contest, which is sponsored by Birdies for Charity — a fundraiser of Southern Farm Bureau Insurance. Among door prizes slated to be given away are a golf bag, a set of irons, dozens of golf balls and various other items.

Corporate sponsorships are also available on the following levels: Gold ($650), which includes fees for one team and hole sponsorship with company name prominently displayed; Silver ($400), which includes fees for two golfers and hole sponsorship with name prominently displayed); Hole sponsor ($200), which is a one-hole sponsorship with the company or individual name prominently displayed; and T-shirt sponsor ($100), which is the company name listed on the tournament T-shirt.

All sponsors will also be recognized in the ECCC alumni magazine, The Warrior.

Event organizer Stacey Hollingsworth, ECCC's administrative assistant for Foundation and Alumni Relations, said plans are to divide the tournament field into three flights, with prizes awarded to each flight winner. A trophy will be presented to the winning corporate team.

Proceeds from the tournament will be used to fund scholarships for students from the five-county district who plan to attend EC. Last year's tournament netted $7,000 for scholarships.

For more information, call Hollingsworth at 601-635-2111 or 1-877-462-3222, extension 375, or e-mail sholling@eccc.edu.

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WEEK OF June 9

New car among prizes at ECCC Classic

From press reports

Various door prizes and the opportunity to win a 2003 Ford Mustang will be available to participants in this year,s East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic to be held Thursday, June 12 at the award-winning Dancing Rabbit Golf Club on the Pearl River Resort in Choctaw, Mississippi.

A shotgun start at 9 a.m. officially begins the four-person scramble, scheduled on the Oaks Course. Entry fee is $125 per person, which includes green fee, golf cart, tournament T-shirt and a box lunch. Corporate sponsorships are also available on various levels of participation.

Proceeds from the one-day tournament will help fund scholarships for ECCC students. Approximately $7,000 was raised in last year's inaugural event. Scholarships were presented to students residing in the College's five-county district at the annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon held in May.

Eighteen teams have entered the tournament as of May 28, according to event organizer Stacey Hollingsworth, ECCC Administrative Assistant for Foundation and Alumni Relations. Hollingsworth said plans are to divide the field into three flights, with prizes awarded to each flight winner. Trophy will be presented to winning corporate team.

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For more information contact the ECCC Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations.

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WEEK OF: June 9

ECCC Golf Classic to tee off Thursday at Dancing Rabbit

The opportunity to win a 2003 Ford Mustang will be available to participants in this year's East Central Community College Warrior Golf Classic to be held Thursday at Dancing Rabbit Golf Club on the Pearl River Resort.

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WEEK OF June 16

Rain washes out Warrior Golf Classic

Rain played havoc with a variety of area sporting events last week, including East Central Community College's Warrior Golf Classic.

The annual ECCC fundraiser was slated for last Thursday at Dancing Rabbit Golf Club near Philadelphia, but was washed out after participants had each played three to four holes.

ECCC public relations director Bubby Johnston said participants were each issued a rain check, and that the tournament was cancelled.

— from staff reports

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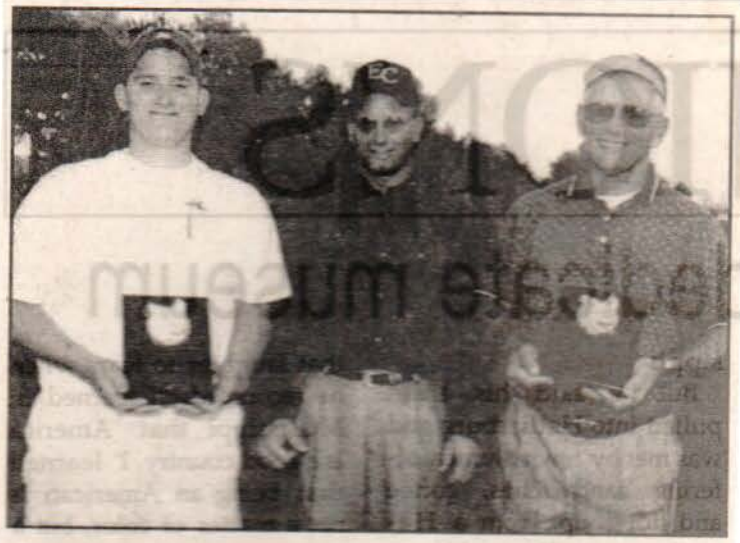

ECCC GOLF TOURNEY WINNERS - Winning top honors in the annual East Central Community College Alumni/Student Golf Tournament were Jeremy Stevens (left) of Decatur and Warren Willis (right) of Newton, shown with tournament chairman Roger Whitlock, director of the college's Workforce Development Center. Stevens, a member of the Warrior golf team and a product of Newton County High School, carded a 38 in the nine-hole event to win the open division. Willis shot a 37 to capture the senior division title. The tournament is held at Decatur Country Club as part of Homecoming Week activities. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Nov 3

ECCC GOLF TOURNEY WINNERS

These East Central Community College students took top honors in the College's first annual Intramural Golf Tournament held recently at Decatur Country Club. Brent McMillan (left) of Newton won the nine-hole event by carding a 32, three under par. Other award winners included Jason Sistrunk (second from left) of Sebastopol, who finished third with a 36, and Tony Warren of Union, winner of the closest-to-the-hole contest. Also pictured is Scott Hill, ECCC softball coach who also serves as director of intramural activities. Not pictured is tournament runner-up Phillip Dickerson of Union who shot a 34 and won the longest drive competition.

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WEEK OF Jan 13

These East Central Community College soccer players received various team honors following their successful 2002 campaign. Seated from left are defender Johnathan Shoemaker of Newton County, Hustle Award; forward Seltue Karweaye of The Peoples Institute in Liberia, West Africa, best offensive player and co-Most Valuable Player; midfielder Brandon Ditto of Brandon, co-Most Valuable Player; and defender Nate Alexander of Corinth, team captain and co-Most Valuable Player. Standing from left are midfielder Kyle Miller of Neshoba Central, Academic Award; midfielder Robbie Phillipson of Morton, most improved; and midfielder Beau Theobald of St. Aloysius High School in Vicksburg, "Shot of the Year" award. ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin and soccer coaches Kenneth Thompson (head) and Roy Pete (volunteer assistant) presented the awards at the annual Fall Sports Banquet held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. The 2002 Soccer Warriors recorded the most successful season in the program's four-year existence by posting a 9-6-3 overall mark and a 5-3-2 slate in South Division competition. (EC Photo)

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Sophomore Soccer Warriors receive recognition for best in team history

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Sophomore members of the ECCC soccer team received special recognition at the annual Fall Sports Banquet held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Seated from left are midfielder Kyle Miller of Neshoba Central, midfielder Johnathan Shoemaker of Newton County, forward Seltue Karweaye of Peoples Institute in Liberia, West Africa; midfielder Brandon Ditto of Brandon and defender Nate Alexander of Corinth. Standing from left are keeper Corey Kemp of Corinth, sweeper Justin Sendelweck of Brandon, managers Colin Smith of Forest and Amanda Wilcher of Edinburg, and defender Charles Goodwin of Raleigh. The 2002 Soccer Warriors recorded the most successful season in the program's four-year existence by posting a 9-6-3 overall mark and a 5-3-2 slate in South Division competition. Kenneth Thompson is head coach and Roy Pete serves as a volunteer assistant.

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WEEK OF March 31-24, 2003

Araya awarded scholarship

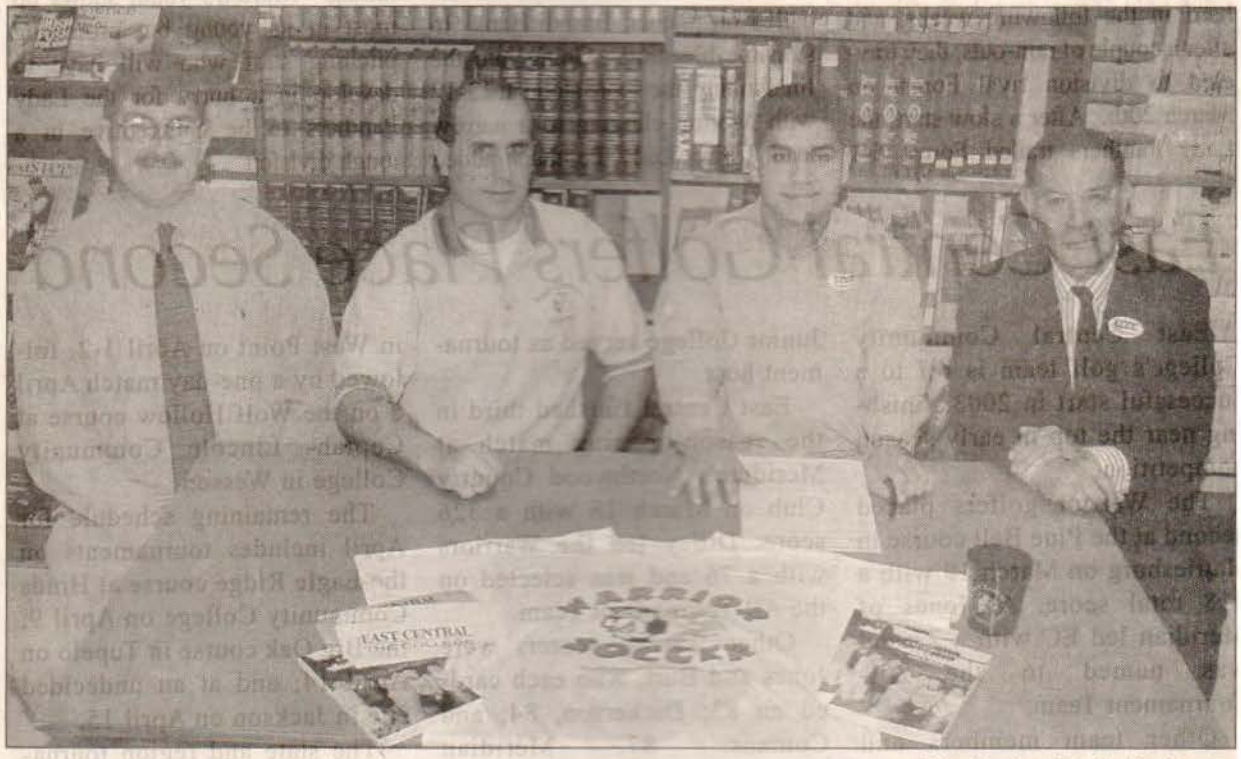

Photo by Ruth Lathem

Forest High School senior Luis Araya was awarded a scholarhsip to play soccer at East Central Community College this fall. Pictured are Principal, Billy M. Wilbanks, ECCC soccer coach Kenneth Thompson, Luis Araya, and Eliseo Araya, Luis' father.

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WEEK OF March 31

Area students take part in intramural soccer at East Central Community College

ECCC Intramural Soccer Champs

"The Corinth Connection" claimed the intramural soccer championship held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members include (kneeling from left) Jonathan Walker of Decatur, John Theobald of Vicksburg, Nate Alexander of Corinth and David Burt of Newton, and (standing from left) Daniel Russell of Union, Corey Kemp of Corinth, Lindsey Wedgeworth of Pulaski, Lisa Chamblee of Carthage and Cody Comans of Decatur. Not pictured is Ryan Loper of Decatur. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF March 31

ECCC Intramural Soccer Runners-Up

"The Nadds" won second-place honors in the intramural soccer competition held at East Central Community College in Decatur. Team members are (kneeling from left) Andy Smith of Decatur, Nic Meeks of Morton, Ryan Crick of Louisville and Seltue Karweaye of The People's Institute, Liberia, West Africa, and (standing from left) Ricky Archuleta of Florence, Robby Phillipson of Mendenhall, Lee Beard and Lorenzo Coley, both of Morton, and Derek Dunn of Philadelphia. (EC Photo)

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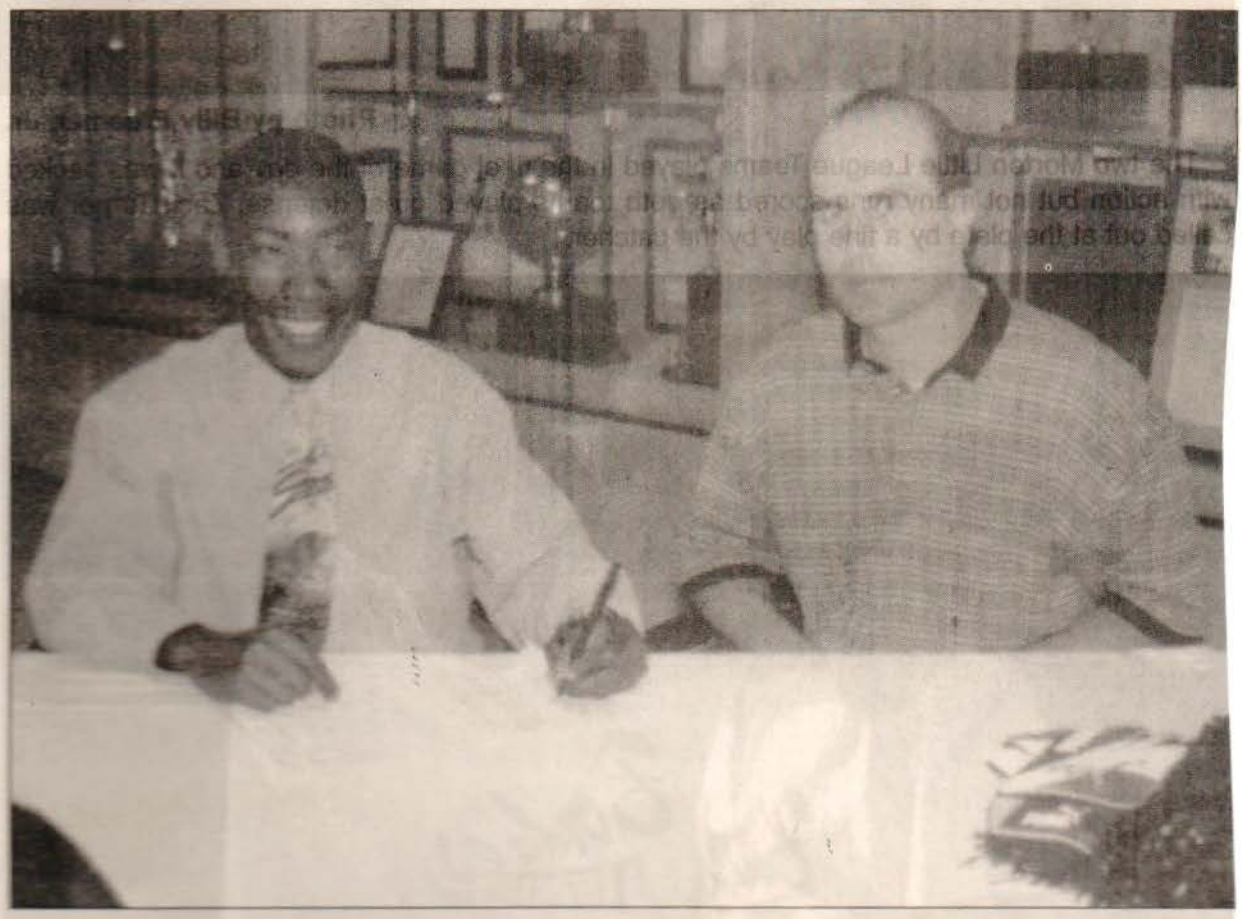
East Central Soccer Star Signs With USC



East Central Community College soccer standout Seltue Karweaye of Monrovia, Liberia, South Africa, has signed a national letter of intent with the University of South Carolina at Aiken. Karweaye, recognized as EC's all-time leading scorer, received honorable mention All-American and All-State honors following the 2002 campaign and was selected best offensive player in the South Division after leading the division in scoring with 40 points. He also placed third in the MACJC in scoring and finished eighteenth nationally. He scored 17 goals and had six assists for the 2002 Soccer Warriors, who were 9-6-3 overall and 5-3-2 in division competition. Karweaye was selected the team's most valuable player in 2002 and also received the best offensive player award. Karweaye scored 16 points during the 2001 season and was selected honorable mention All-State. He had seven goals and two assists in leading EC to a 6-8-1 overall mark and 4-3-1 record in South Division action. During his two years at EC, Karweaye scored 56 points, 24 goals and eight assists. He is pictured at a recent signing ceremony with Kenneth Thompson, ECCC soccer coach.

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Two more local standouts sign with East Central ...

Two more local high school athletes will be continuing their careers at East Central Community College
signing of Jonathan Holland to play next fall for the Warriors. Holland, shown above left with Thompson
baseball team, and also participated in cross-country while at PHS. Above right, Kristi Willis is shown
Willis was a standout catcher/shortstop on the Choctaw Central softball squads during her senior
State Tournament semifinals. Shown standing in back of Willis are new ECCC softball coach Scott

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SI after signing national letters-of-intent recently. ECCC soccer coach Kenneth Thompson has announced the
, is a 5-foot-9, 165-pound forward from Philadelphia High School. He was also a standout on the Tornadoes'
seated with parents Curtis and Barbara Willis, while signing to play with East Central's fast-pitch softball team.
season, and she was also a member of the Lady Warriors' basketball team that advanced to the Class 3A Girls

WEEK OF June 30

ECCC announces soccer signees for 2003 season

Sixteen freshmen will take the field this fall when East Central Community College begins its fifth year of soccer competition under Coach KennethThompson and assistant Roy Pete.

Joining the Soccer Warriors for the 2003 campaign are forward Jonathan Holland and keeper Eli McBrayer, both of Philadelphia; midfielder Luis Araya and defender Julio Alvarez, both of Forest; sweeper Ted Thompson of Clarkdale; defender Cortez Washington of Jackson Lanier; midfielder Joe Theobald of Vicksburg St. Aloysius; keeper Brent Clark and defender Jason Downard, both of Florence; midfielder Andy Smith of Neshoba Central; midfielder Daniel Owens of Brandon; midfielder Chad Garretson of Mendenhall; midfielder/forward Cyrus Doe of Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa; midfielder Jose Castillo of Raleigh; and keeper Ragan Denham and defender Ryan Stewart, both of Northeast Lauderdale.

Returnees include keeper Mark Walker of Newton County; defender Chris Stevens of Northeast Lauderdale; midfielders John Theobald and Beau Theobald, both of Vicksburg St. Aloysius; forward Ricky Archuleta of Richland; and midfielder Robbie Phillipson of Morton.

The ECCC soccer team completed its most successful season last fall by posting a 9-6-3 overall mark and a 5-3-2 slate in MACJC South Division competition.

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Soccer Warriors have foreign flavor

By Tony Krausz
The Meridian Star

DECATUR – If the United Nations ever formed a soccer team, it would probably look a lot like the East Central Community College roster.

The Warriors embark on the 2003 season with a number of new players with a wide variety of backgrounds.

"We have players that play Liberian style, Mexican style, Chile style and the kids from the area," said ECCC head coach Kenneth Thompson. "It was a little work getting them all to play the same style, but it has come together pretty well."

The Warriors lost nine starters from last season's 9-6-3 squad, and the team only returns four players from last year's team.

ECCC's large roster turnover has been a smooth transition, as the Warriors' melting pot of a soccer team has jelled quickly on the pitch.

"They have come together real quick," Thompson said. "If you see one of them, you see all of them walking around together. They have a lot of team camaraderie."

The squad had a good model on the field to construct its version of a family.

ECCC has a set of three brothers on the team in John, Beau and Joe Theobold, John and Beau are twins.

John will move from the forward position, where he notched eight goals and two assists last year, to the midfield. Beau will play forward, and Joe will split time in the midfield and on the defense, mainly at stopper.

"I doubt very seriously there has ever been many teams that has had three brothers in community college on the same team ," Thompson said. "They are all real good players."

Along with formulating a new bond on the field, ECCC had to search for a new offensive catalyst.

The Warriors lost their top goal scorer, Seltue Karweaye, to graduation. Karweaye tallied 17 goals and recorded six assists last season to rank him the top offensive player in the South Division and No. 3 in the state.

Thompson said he will look for John Theobold, who is coming off a freshman campaign in which he tallied eight goals and two assists, to pick up the offensive slack.

"John actually had a better freshman year than (Karweaye) had his freshman year," Thompson said. "I'm hoping (John Theobold) comes on a does well."

On the defensive end of the field, ECCC has two strong goaltenders.

Brent Clark will be the team's opening game starting keeper, and Ragan Denham will also see time in the net.

Quick facts

- **2002:** 9-6-3
- **Head coach:** Kenneth Thompson
- **Starters lost:** 9
- **Starters returning:** 2

Roster

- Members of the 2003 East Central Community College soccer team include: Brent Clark, Ragan Denham, Ryan Stewart, Jason Downard, Cyrus Doe, Ted Thompson, Jonathan Holland, Jose Castillo, John Theobald, Beau Theobald, Joe Theobald, Luis Araya, Mitch Myears, Andy Smith, Mark Walker, Cortez Washington, head coach Kenneth Thompson, assistant coach Roy Pete and student trainer Avery Jackson.

2003 Schedule

August: 23, at Mississippi Delta; 27, Holmes, 30, at East Mississippi.

September: 3, West Alabama; 6, at Itawamba; 13, at Meridian; 15, Hinds; 16, at Pearl River; 20, Copiah-Lincoln; 24, at Gulf Coast; 27, Meridian; 30, at Jones.

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3, Alumni Game; 4, East Mississippi; 8, Jones; 10, Wallace State at Meridian; 14, Pearl River; 17, at Copiah-Lincoln; 22, Gulf Coast.

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EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

East Central Community College's soccer team will begin the 2003 campaign by traveling to Mississippi Delta Community College Saturday, August 23 for a 1 p.m. match on the Moorhead campus. The Soccer Warriors begin home action by hosting Holmes Community College at 5 p.m. Wednesday, August 27. Team members are, seated from left, defender Ryan Stewart, Meridian; defender Jason Downward, Florence; midfielder/forward Cyrus Doe, Monrovia, Liberia; sweeper Ted Thompson, Meridian; forward Jonathan Holland, Philadelphia; and midfielder Jose Castillo, Morton; kneeling from left, forward John Theobald and midfielder Beau Theobald, both of Vicksburg; midfielder Luis Araya, Forest; midfielder/forward Andy Smith, Philadelphia; defender Mark Walker, Decatur; and defender Cortez Washington, Jackson; and standing from left, Kenneth Thompson, head coach; keeper Brent Clark, Florence; midfielder Joe Theobald, Vicksburg; keeper Ragan Denham, Meridian; and Roy Pete, assistant coach.

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Local Soccer Warriors ...

These student-athletes from Neshoba County are members of the 2003 soccer team at East Central Community College in Decatur. From left are forward Jonathan Holland of Philadelphia and midfielder/forward Andy Smith of Neshoba Central. Kenneth Thompson is head coach of ECCC's Soccer Warriors.

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Soccer Warrior
Mark Walker of Decatur is a member of the 2003 soccer team at East Central Community College. Walker is a graduate of Newton County High School. (ECCC Photo)

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WEEK OF Sept 1

EC Soccer Warriors blank East Mississippi for first season win

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ECCC soccer coaches

Kenneth Thompson, left, and Roy Pete begin their fifth season leading the soccer program at East Central Community College. Thompson serves as head coach. Prior to joining the ECCC coaching staff, Thompson served as varsity and junior varsity soccer coach at Newton County High School. Pete, a volunteer assistant, previously led soccer programs in Rankin County. He is a former soccer player and coach in the English Amateur League. The Soccer Warriors had their best season in 2002, finishing 9-6-3 overall and 5-3-2 in the South Division.

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WEEK OF Sept 8

ECCC picks up win over MDCC

MOORHEAD — The East Central Community College soccer team (3-2) overcame a two-goal deficit to notch a 3-2 win over Mississippi Delta Community College (0-3-1) on Monday.

MDCC jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead, scoring goals in the match's 13th and 20th minute.

Cyrus Doe scored the Warriors first goal of the game in the 37th minute, with Beau Theobald assisting on the goal.

Beau Theobald tied the game at two at the 55-minute mark knocking in a pass from Doe.

Joe Theobald scored the game winner on a penalty kick in extra time.

ECCC continues its season against Hinds at 5 p.m. today at home.

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WEEK OF Sept 15

ECCC falls in soccer action to Meridian

By Robby Atkinson
EMG sports writer

Playing at home in front of your home fans is always a blessing for any team. Meridian Community College wrapped up a week long home schedule with a split in local junior college soccer action on Saturday.

The MCC men's team concluded the week taking an impressive 8-0 shutout win over East Central, but the women dropped a 4-0 loss to Shelton State.

The Eagles used a four-goal performance from Brandon Rogers to take the shutout win over the Warriors. MCC head coach Alex George was very impressed with his team's performance.

"We have been playing very well as of late and we played very hard up and down the field," George said. "I was pleased with the way our guys showed up and played the game, plus we need to keep moving ahead to get better."

The first goal for the Eagles was drained by Rogers with 42:13 to give Meridian a very quick lead at 1-0. Rogers followed up his first goal with the second with 40:12 to extend the MCC lead to 2-0.

The hat trick would then be recorded with 30:47 left in the first half by Rogers to bring the score to 3-0 thanks to a great crossover pass from Joseph Murphy. Rogers finished up the outstanding performance by notching his fourth goal with 27:14 to build the lead to 4-0 .

"We told the guys that we need to put this game out of our mind and move on to the next game," East Central head coach Kenneth Thompson said. "Meridian is a very good team and they played a great game."

Byran Bledsoe joined in on the scoring with a goal at the 42:11 mark to make the score 5-0. Jay Barry added a goal, while John Irby tallied a pair of goals late in the final period to hand Meridian the home win over ECCC.

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WEEK OF Sept 27

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WEEK OF Oct 13

EC Soccer Warriors fall to Wallace State In Rush Classic

East Central Community College's soccer team dropped a 6-0 decision to Wallace State Sunday, October 12, in the annual Rush Classic held in Meridian.

With the loss, the Soccer Warriors dropped to 5-10 overall and 1-6 in division play.

Three matches remain on the 2003 schedule, which include home contests against Pearl River Community College (3 p.m. Tuesday, October 14) and Gulf Coast Community College (3 p.m. Wednesday, October 22), and an away game against Copiah-Lincoln Community College at 1:30 p.m. Friday, October 17, on the Wesson campus.

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Soccer season ends with win

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Myers, a product of McLaurin High School in Rankin County, had given the Soccer Warriors an early 1-0 lead, but a goal by the Bulldogs' Chris Symmes knotted the score at 1-1 at the break.

Joe Theobald, a freshman from St. Aloysius in Vicksburg, put the Warriors out front 2-1 with his goal at the 54th minute, but Gulf Coast again tied the contest approximately 10 minutes later on a goal by Brian Noble.

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EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PARTICIPATE IN ECCC ALUMNI SOCCER GAME: These former members of the East Central Community College Warrior Soccer team participated in the first-annual Alumni Soccer Match held Friday, October 3, as a part of the College's Homecoming activities. Pictured are (front row, from left) Kyle Miller of Philadelphia, Jonathan Shoemaker of Decatur, Brandon Ditto of Brandon and Nate Alexander of Corinth; and (back row, from left) Tim Stewart of Sebastopol, Justin Sendelweck of Brandon, Derek Dunn of Philadelphia and Corey Kemp of Corinth. Not pictured is John May of Decatur. Kenneth Thompson serves as head coach.

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WEEK OF Nov 3

ECCC wraps up soccer season

The East Central Community College soccer team wrapped up its season with a 3-2 victory over Gulf Coast last week.

Mitch Myers, the placekicker for the Warrior football team, scored a pair of goals in the victory, while Joe Theobald also had a goal.

John Theobald had an assist on Myers' first goal, which came at the 30-minute mark to give ECCC the lead. Gulf Coast tied the match twice before Myers' game-winning goal came with just 2 minutes remaining. ECCC finished 7-11 under the direction of coach Kenneth Thompson this season.

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WEEK OF Dec 15

ECCC SOCCER AWARDS

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PRESENTED ECCC SOCCER AWARDS: Various honors were presented to the above soccer players at East Central Community College at the annual Fall Sports Banquet held on the Decatur campus. Receiving awards were (seated from left) Mark Walker of Newton County High School, academic award; Joe Theobald of St. Aloysius High School in Vicksburg, "Shot of the Year;" Cortez Washington of Lanier High School, Hustle Award; and Ted Thompson of Clarkdale, best defensive player; and (standing from left) John Theobald of St. Aloysius in Vicksburg, All-State, most valuable player and team co-captain; Brent Clark of Florence, Coach's Warrior Award; Jose Castillo, a product of Raleigh High School now living in Forest, most improved; Mitch Myers of McLaurin, best offensive player; and Beau Theobald of St. Aloysius in Vicksburg, team co-captain. Soccer coach Kenneth Thompson presented the awards.

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WEEK OF Dec 22, 2003

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

These sophomores on the East Central Community College soccer team were presented letter jackets at the annual Fall Sports Banquet held on the Decatur campus. From left are Cyrus Doe, Seventh Day Adventist School, Monrovia, Liberia; John Theobald, St. Aloysius High School, Vicksburg; Mark Walker, Newton County High School; and Beau Theobald, St. Aloysius High School, Vicksburg. Soccer coach Kenneth Thompson made the presentation.

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WEEK OF Jan 13

Andricopoulos Signs With ECCC

Special to the News

DECATUR, MISS.—A standout softball pitcher from Martins Mill has signed a national letter of intent with East Central Community College in Decatur, Mississippi, announced ECCC fast-pitch coach Mike Anderson.

Kathryn Andricopoulos, an all-state performer last year at Martins Mill High School will join the Lady Warriors for workouts when the 2003 spring term gets underway in January.

Andricopoulos went 21-7 on the mound in 2002 and led Martins Mill to the regional semifinals en route to a 21-8 record.

She posted a .98 ERA with 215 strikeouts and had six no-hitters and nine shutouts.

Following her senior season, when was named to the Coaches and Sportswriters All-State Team, All East Texas Team, All-District Team and was the Van Zandt News' All-County pitcher.

She also received district MVP and team co-most valuable player honors.

Andricopoulos' high school coaches were Don Tarrant and Monty Hilton.

In two years, Andricopoulos won all 37 games for the Lady Mustangs. At the plate, she hit .310.

Courtesy Photo

Kathryn Andricopoulos, a former softball standout at Martins Mill, has signed a national letter of intent with East Central Community College. She is shown with Mike Anderson, ECCC fast-pitch head coach.

Andricopoulos also led her team to the regional semifinals her junior year.

Honors received following her junior year include her selection as district MVP, team co-most valuable player and Van Zandt News' All-County pitcher.

Her parents are Darlene and Dale Williams of Canton, and Terry Andricopoulos of Jersey City, New Jersey.

Regarding his new Lady Warrior, coach Anderson said, "I'm really pleased to have a player of this caliber join our team, especially this late in the year.

"I hope she has found what she is looking for in a college, and that we have found what we need on the mound.

"However, I feel confident that we have both found what we are looking for."

The 2002 Lady Warriors posted a 22-15 mark and placed fifth in the Region 23/MACJC Tournament.

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ECCC Lady Warrior Softball Team

Ready to begin the 2003 campaign are these members of the East Central Community College fast-pitch softball team who include, seated, from left, catcher Kate Bergin of Forest, pitcher/infielder Jennie Battle of Philadelphia, infielder Faith Whitfield of Louisville and outfielder Tina Robbins of Noxapater; kneeling from left, outfielder Krystal Moore of Philadelphia, outfielder Neak Cistrunk of Louisville, pitcher Kathryn Andricopoulos, a product of Martin's Mill High School in Canton, Texas; outfielder Paige Sullivan of Nanih Waiya; and infielder Renee Thompson of East Rankin Academy; and standing from left, pitcher/infielder Krissi Harris of Newton County, catcher Anna Moore of Pearl, infielder Summer Richie of Lamar School, infielder Rachel Smith of Grace Christian and infielder Shana Graham of Sebastopol. Mike Anderson begins his eleventh year in leading the Lady Warriors, whose season opener is scheduled Tuesday, February 18 against Jones County Junior College. Action gets underway at 1 p.m. on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

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Chaney Signs With ECCC

Suzanne Chaney (center), a softball standout at Newton County High School, has signed a national letter of intent to continue her athletic career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Chaney, a pitcher/second baseman, is shown during the signing ceremony with her mother, Nadine Chaney, and Mike Anderson, head coach of the Lady Warrior fast-pitch softball team. Suzanne is also the daughter of Billie Chaney. The Chaneys reside in Little Rock. ECCC Photo.

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Barrett Inks With ECCC

Lauren Barrett (seated left), a softball standout at Newton County High School, has signed a national letter of intent to continue her athletic career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Shown with Barrett, a pitcher/outfielder, at a recent signing ceremony are Mike Anderson, head coach of the Lady Warrior fast-pitch softball team, and (standing from left) Barrett's parents, Joe and Glenda Barrett of Decatur. ECCC Photo.

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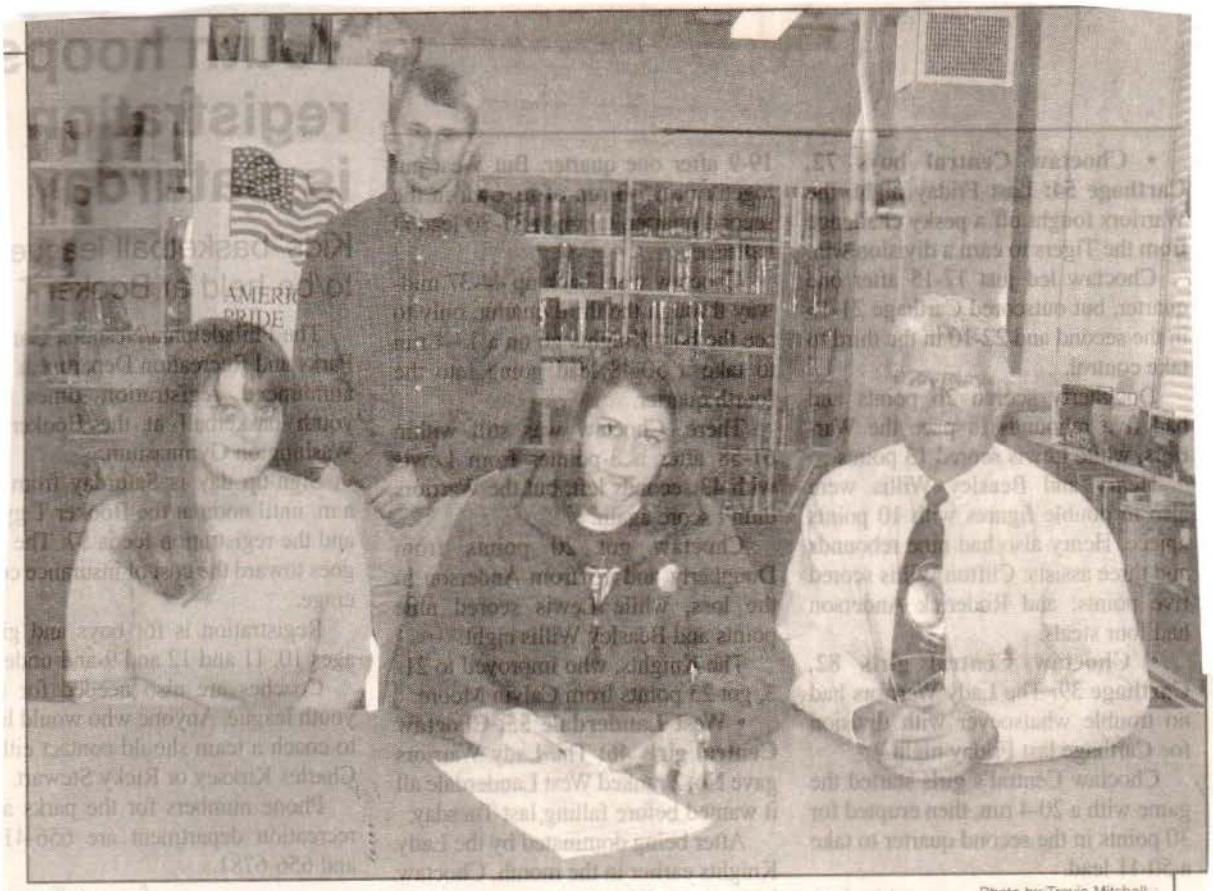

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Neshoba's Moore inks with ECCC ...

Neshoba Central softball player Alana Moore, seated center, signed last week to continue her career at East Central Community College with the Lady Warriors' fast-pitch team. Moore and her Lady Rocket teammates are preparing for the upcoming season; and she was the only senior on a Neshoba squad which went 25-8 last fall and made the slow-pitch state semifinals in Class 4A. Shown above left with Moore are her mother, Jan Moore; and at right, East Central softball coach Mike Anderson. Neshoba coach Rusty Cumberland is in the background.

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WEEK OF Feb 10

Jackson Signs With EC

Holly Jackson, seated left, a softball standout at Newton County High School, has signed a national letter of intent to continue her athletic career at East Central Community College. Shown with Jackson, an outfielder, are Mike Anderson, head coach of the Lady Warrior fast-pitch softball team, and her parents, Brenda and Greg Jackson of Hickory. ECCC Photo.

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Davis Receives ECCC Scholarship

Obreisha Davis (seated left), a softball standout at Newton County High School, has signed a national letter of intent to continue her athletic career at East Central Community College in Decatur. Davis, an outfielder, is shown during the signing ceremony with Mike Anderson, head coach of the Lady Warrior fast-pitch softball team, and her parents, Bonnie and Herman Davis of Decatur. *(EC Photo)*

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- FEBRUARY 13 -National Anthem to be sung at Brackeen/Wood Gym - 5:30 p.m.; March 26-27 - Senior Days on EC Campus; March 28 - Union Chamber Banquet; April 24 - Retired Teachers Banquet on EC Campus; May 1 - Spring Concert - Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium - 7:00p.m.; May 6 - Faculty Dinner.

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EC Lady Warrior Softball Team

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East Central teams falter at state tourne

East Central Community College's Warriors and Lady Warriors were set to open the Region 23 Tournament on Monday following participation in last week's MACJC State Tournament held at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson.

The Warriors defeated Holmes Community College 69-63 in first-round action of the state tournament, and were clipped 99-97 in overtime by Northwest in the semi-finals.

Corey Hornsby had 22 points to lead EC against Holmes. Also scoring were Demario Qualls, 14; Donzell Crenshaw, 11 and Desmond Jones, 10.

Marcus Hines pumped in 17 to lead Holmes.

The Bulldogs held a 31-26 advantage at halftime.

In the overtime loss to Northwest, Crenshaw's driving lay-up as time expired missed the mark, sending the Rangers to the finals.

Crenshaw sent the contest to the extra period after his two free throws knotted the score at 85-85 at the end of regulation.

Hornsby led all scorers with 32 points. Other point makers were Crenshaw, 21; Dewayne Hughes of Sebastopol and Qualls, 14 each, and Mason, 12.

Antonio Shaw and Reggie Gaddis had 21 points each to lead Northwest.

The Rangers led 44-3 halftime.

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MCC destroys ECCC

By Tony Krausz
assistant sports editor

The Meridian Community College softball team met little resistance pushing its record two games above .500.

The Lady Eagles (8-6) decimated the East Central Community College Lady Warriors (5-10) in a double-header 11-2 and 10-0 Saturday at Northeast Park.

"It means a lot to us as a team," said MCC head softball coach Robert Eakins of being two games over .500. "The rain has hurt us some, and we didn't get a chance to play any early games. Right now we are just beginning to form our team concept. We are not in mid-season form yet, but we are beginning to look like a team."

MCC snatched the back-to-back wins in five innings each game, as the offense was clicking on all cylinders.

The Lady Eagles pounded out eight runs in the top of the first inning of the second game for an early 8-0 lead.

MCC game two starting pitcher Amanda Stricklin started the push with a three-run double down the left field line.

Stricklin's two bagger brought home second baseman Lindsey Stamm, right fielder Morgan Wright and catcher Gillian Loughead for a 3-0 advantage, with one out.

Lady Eagles right fielder Sheena Evans brought home the next run earning a walk, and shortstop Ashlee Cofield hit a bloop single to left field to bring home the next run for a 5-0 lead.

MCC Stamm followed with a single up the middle for another run.

Loughead hit an RBI single, and first baseman Kay Bingham was hit by a pitch to cap the scoring for the inning.

MCC added two more runs in the bottom of the fourth in the second-game win.

Lady Eagles center fielder Kenya Smith belted an RBI double to left field, and Stamm smacked a two-out single to bring in the final run of the game.

Stricklin notched the shut-out win allowing no hits over five innings of work, with three strike outs and one walk.

The Lady Eagles hurler was quick to point out the outstanding play of the defense allowing her to get the win.

"They stood up behind," Stricklin said of the defense. "I told them, 'Nothing was working today, so you are all going to have to work for me,' and they did."

In the opening game, MCC blasted ECCC for seven runs on five hits and one error in the third inning to seal the win.

The Lady Eagles entered the third leading 4-0, and catcher Kate Bergin started the rally by getting hit by a pitch to bring in the home team's first run of the third.

MCC right fielder Morgan Wright, Loughead, Bingham and third baseman Jennifer Johnson each recorded RBIs in the inning.

MCC pushed its last two runs across the plate on wild pitches ECCC relief pitcher Krissi Harris for an 11-0 advantage.

"The pitchers struggled to find the strike zone today," said ECCC head softball coach Mike Anderson. "We just didn't hit the ball well today. We are just not playing well right now."

MCC allowed two runs in the opening game win on two errors.

ECCC right fielder Tina Robbins hit a sharp ground ball to third base, with two outs in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Ashley Frazier picked up the game one win for MCC allowing two runs, both unearned on two hits, with two strike outs and two walks.

The Lady Eagles return to action against Pensacola at 1:30 p.m. today at Pensacola, Fla.

• DECATUR — The Gospel Train Showcase will be presented at 6 p.m. in Huff Auditorium on the East Central Community College campus.

Featured performers will include Slim Hunt and The Supreme Angels of Milwaukee; the Junior Angeles of Newton; R.C. Williams of Forest; the ECCC Gospel Choir; the Truelight Missionary Baptist Church Male Chorus and the Rev. Larry Weathers of Walnut Grove; the Rev. Veronica Davis of Waynesboro; The Sunset Jubilees of Newton; and Tim and Ruby Warnsley of WQST AM Radio, Forest.

Admission is $10. For ticket information, call (601) 469-2548 or e-mail tom_ruby@bellsouth.net. The fax number is (601) 469-5043.

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Photo by Travis Mitchell

Former Philadelphia standout Jennie Battle takes a pitch during action for East Central last week. Battle was the winning pitcher.

EAST CENTRAL

WINS (10) — Jones County, 4-0; East Mississippi, 9-2; Copiah-Lincoln, 6-5; Mississippi Delta, 12-8; Mississippi Delta, 9-2; Southwest Mississippi, 6-1; Southwest Mississippi, 12-4; Southwest Mississippi, 11-9; Holmes, 6-2; Holmes, 11-2.

LOSSES (12) — Jones County, 7-5; Jones County, 6-4; Jones County, 15-0; East Mississippi, 5-4; Copiah-Lincoln, 11-2; Copiah-Lincoln, 19-0; Meridian, 11-2; Meridian, 10-0; East Mississippi, 6-2; Southwest Mississippi, 7-5; Hinds, 4-0; Hinds, 7-1.

REMAINING SCHEDULE: Mar. 18 host Pearl River (ppd.); April 8 host Meridian; April 12 at East Mississippi; April 14 host Holmes; April 16 host Hinds; April 21 at Pearl River (tentative); April 26-27 at MACJC State Tournament; May 4-5 at NJCAA Region 23 Tournament.

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Seasons winding down for ECCC

Warriors split division sets with MCC, EMCC

By ROCKY HIGGINBOTHAM
Sports Editor

The Diamond Warriors of East Central Community College won a couple of Central Division battles last week.

ECCC split with first-place Meridian last Saturday, just three days after doing the same with rival East Mississippi.

After being postponed on Tuesday, the Warriors won a 2-1 thriller over EMCC in the first game last Wednesday, but dropped a 6-5 decision to the Lions in eight innings in Game 2.

Against Meridian, EC won the opener 5-4, but lost 10-4 in the second game.

The Warriors entered this week with a mark of 16-18 overall, and they took a 4-6 division record into Tuesday's doubleheader at home against Hinds. ECCC is at home again Friday against Copiah-Lincoln, then won't play again until next Wednesday (April 23) at Holmes.

• **East Central 5-4, Meridian 4-10:** The Warriors staged a miraculous three-run rally in the seventh inning to beat the first-place Eagles in the first game Saturday.

"Our guys deserve credit," ECCC head coach Jake Yarbrough said. "They battled hard all day."

East Central trailed 4-2 going into the seventh, but was down to its last strike soon after Destin Moore's RBI sacrifice fly made it a 4-3 game. A delayed steal by Jake Nester produced a Meridian error and the game-tying run, then Dexter Sellers delivered an RBI double for the go-ahead run.

Jim Tally, who got the complete-game win, then set down Meridian in the home half of the seventh. Brian McNeil added a double and a couple of RBIs for the Warriors.

In the second game, Meridian scored three unearned runs in the fourth inning to overcome an early 2-0 deficit. Chris Rayborn (6-2) got the win and Brent McMillan the loss.

Josh Morgan's two-run homer in the fifth inning pushed MCC ahead 5-3, then Aaron George hit a two-run homer in the sixth to spark a five-run rally that broke the game open.

• **East Central 2-5, East Mississippi 1-6:** Last Wednesday at home, the Warriors and Lions gave the fans their money's worth in a couple of barnburners.

In the first game, Jarrod Vaughn allowed only three hits in six innings of work to get the win, out-dueling EMCC's Lee Boyd, who gave up five hits in six innings.

"(Vaughn) pitched a jewel, and so did their guy," Yarbrough said.

Former Union standout Justin Darby got the save for East Central.

In the second game, EMCC jumped out to a 5-1 lead — East Central rallied to tie it — and the Lions won it in the eighth inning on an unearned run. A solo home run by EC's Michael Dunn sent the contest into extra innings.

Photo by Travis Mitchell

Ex-Philadelphia standout Krystal Moor takes a cut for ECCC.

baseball, softball

Lady Warriors fall out of contention for playoffs

By ROCKY HIGGINBOTHAM
Sports Editor

East Central Community College picked up a pair of victories in fast-pitch softball action Monday afternoon at Decatur, but the sweep of visiting Holmes won't be able to help the Lady Warriors' playoff chances.

ECCC, which was swept last week by both Meridian and East Mississippi, is 12-16 overall and 5-9 in Central Division play. The Lady Warriors are scheduled to host Hinds today in a division twinbill that will apparently wrap up the season for ECCC.

A makeup doubleheader and games next Monday (April 21) with Pearl River will not be played according to outgoing coach Mike Anderson.

"It doesn't look like we're going to play them," Anderson said. "We agreed earlier in the season we'd play if either of us were going to make the playoffs, but that doesn't appear to be the case."

Hinds today. The Lady Eagles h already wrapped up the No. 2 spot the league and the postseason be that goes with it.

In Monday's sweep of Holm former Philadelphia standout Jen Battle picked up the win in Game 1 the twinbill, a 13-6 victory. Freshm Kathryn Andricopoulos tossed a fi inning shutout in Game 2, an 8-0 for the Lady Warriors.

East Central fell 8-6 and 4-0 to E Mississippi at Scooba last Saturd and was 6-0 and 16-2 losers at ho against Meridian last Tuesday.

"We just didn't play very we Anderson said.

In the opener against first-pl Meridian, EC trailed just 1-0 go into the sixth inning, with Battle ting the loss. Faith Whitfield wa for-3 at the plate.

In the second game, the teams w tied 2-2 before MCC's Jennifer Je son roped a three-run double opened the floodgates.

Krystal Moore — another for Philly standout — had an RBI si in the first inning to plate Krissi

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ECCC Names New Coach

Scott Hill of Philadelphia has been selected Director of Intramurals/Women's Fast-Pitch Softball Coach at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president.

Hill, whose selection was approved at this afternoon's meeting of the College's Board of Trustees, has served the past 10 years at Philadelphia High School in various coaching capacities, including head baseball coach and head slow-pitch softball coach. He has also led the cross country and soccer programs and served as an assistant football coach. In addition, he has served as physical education and social studies instructor.

Prior to joining the staff at Philadelphia High School, Hill served as a teacher/coach in the Meridian Public School District.

Hill is a graduate of Forest High School, ECCC and Mississippi State University, where he received bachelor and master's degrees in physical education.

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Philly's Hill takes head softball job at ECCC

By Jared Florreich
EMG sports writer

DECATUR – There is a new skipper trolling the diamond on the East Central Community College campus.

Scott Hill, who coached baseball and slow-pitch softball at Philadelphia High School, has taken over the Lady Warriors' softball program.

Hill was hired last Wednesday as Director of Intramurals, in addition to his softball coaching duties.

"It's been a hard few days since making the decision," Hill said. "It'll be tough leaving the people I've grown close to in Philadelphia because I was comfortable there, but change occurs and it's a good thing."

Hill, a graduate of Forest High School, ECCC and Mississippi State University, also has experience coaching cross country and soccer, and has taught physical education and social studies.

"I was fortunate to spend two great years at East Central as a player," Hill said. "In the back of my mind, I thought if I had a chance to return here I'd jump on it."

Hill said he is excited about being Director of Intramurals.

"I had a chance to work in intramurals in college," he said. "I will be coordinating all intramural sports, and since I have some background, it won't be hard to get used to."

Athletic Director Terry Underwood said hiring Hill was a good choice.

"He has a lot of experience with a wide variety of coaching both males and females," Underwood said. "He is familiar with the local region and will bring a lot of integrity and class to our program.

"We want to be competitive and win more than lose," Underwood added. "We want the program to flourish on and off the field, and have a

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positive image that young people will want to be a part of."

East Central finished last season with a record of 12-18.

"I've been softball coach before, so it's nothing new," Hill said. "I'm looking for motivated young ladies that will work hard so we can be successful."

Hill replaces Mike Anderson who retired after 29 years of service, and said he has big shoes to fill.

"He was well respected and did a good job," Hill said. "I hope to do a good job and continue what he started."

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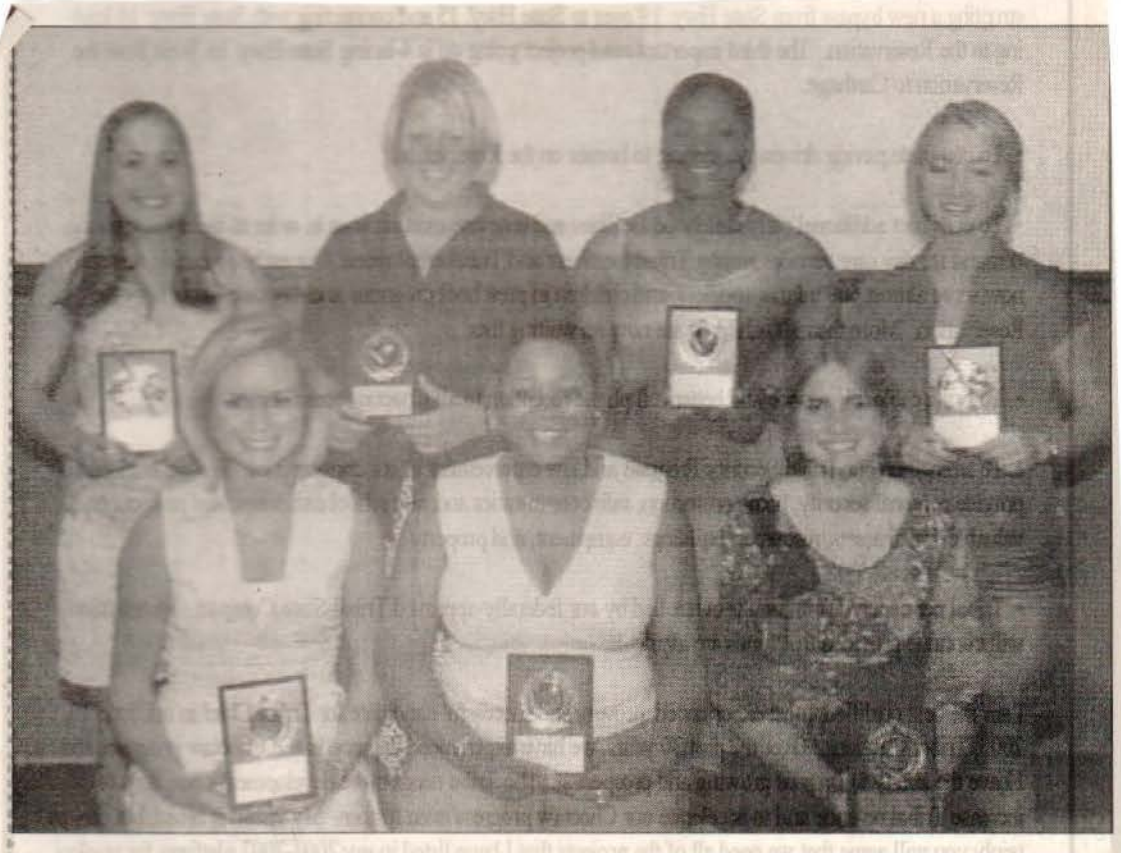

ECCC Softball Award Winners

These members of the East Central Community College fast-pitch softball team received honors at the annual Spring Sports Awards Banquet held in Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Seated from left are infielder/pitcher Krissi Harris of Decatur, a product of Newton County High School, and infielder Faith Whitfield of Louisville, best defensive players, and infielder Rachel Smith of Louisville, most improved. Standing, from left, are outfielder Paige Sullivan of Nanih Waiya, Lady Warrior Award; catchers Anna Moore of Pearl and Krystal Moore of Philadelphia, best offensive players; and infielder/pitcher Jennie Battle of Philadelphia, Lady Warrior Award. Coach Mike Anderson presented the awards. ECCC Photo.

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Hill signs pair of former Lady Tornadoes to play at East Central

New East Central Community College fast-pitch softball coach Scott Hill didn't waste much time finding School standouts last week to play for him at ECCC, both of whom played under Hill during their days sophomores will have one year of eligibility remaining at ECCC. Both are 2002 Philadelphia graduates, is shown with her mother, Penny, while Hill and Eakes' father, Dink, are standing in back. Sparnecht is

WEEK OF June 2

Latest Lady Warrior Signees

Newton County High School standout fast-pitch softball players Kristin Chaney, seated at left, and Shelly Ferguson, seated at right, have signed national letters of intent to continue their athletic careers at East Central Community College. Chaney, a catcher/shortstop and five-year letter-winner, was a Class 3A all-state performer for four years on the Lady Cougar fast-pitch and slow-pitch teams. She posted a .505 batting average this past fast-pitch season and helped lead the Lady Cougars to a 30-4 record and their third state championship in the past four years. She received the Hitting Award for the 2003 campaign and was selected to participate in the MAC All-Star Games in late June at Decatur. Ferguson, an outfielder who also lettered five years, was named to the 2003 Class 3A all-state team. She was the recipient of the Lady Cougars' Glove Award in slow-pitch competition. Shown with the athletes during a recent scholarship signing ceremony at ECCC's Brackeen-Wood gym are (standing from left) Kristin's parents, Rickey and Brenda Chaney; recently named ECCC softball coach Scott Hill; and Shelly's parents, Cheryl and Johnny Ferguson. ECCC Photo.

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Whitfield named All-State

Faith Whitfield (left) of Louisville, a two-year standout on the East Central Community College fast-pitch softball team, was named first-team All-State following the 2003 campaign. She is shown receiving the award from Coach Terry Underwood, ECCC athletic director. Whitfield, a short stop, also received the Lady Diamond Warriors best defensive player award. She was also one of the teams leading hitters. Whitfield is the daughter of Kenneth and Janice Whitfield of Louisville.

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ECCC Hosts ACT-Preparation on Workshops

DECATUR--In an effort to assist area high school students prepare to take the American College Test (ACT), East Central Community College is hosting several workshops on the Decatur campus. Sandra Amis, the College's ,Tech-Prep Coordinator, served as a presenter for a recent workshop and provided tips on what students can expect on the math section of the college entrance exam. Another ACT-Preparation Workshop is scheduled from 12:30 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, January 22, 2003, in the Associate Degree Nursing/Childcare Technology Building. Pre-registration is required of all participants and should be completed by Friday, January 10. The fee is $5 per student. For more information contact ECCC Student Services, Phone 635-2111 or call tollfree, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 308. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Students Tapped For Math Club

DECATUR--Recently welcomed as new members of Mu Alpha Theta at East Central Community College in Decatur include, seated from left, Mandy Eakes of Philadelphia, Christy Martin of Forest, Christy Fedrick of Philadelphia, Shelley Johnson of Hickory and Sarah Allard of Union, and standing from left, Amy Warren of Louisville, Jennifer Harpole of Carthage, Joseph Chariton of Little Rock, Kery McDill of Decatur, David Burt of Newton, Drew Kenna of Forest, Lacey Sanborn of Noxapater, Natasha Phillips and Amy Rawson, both of Carthage; Angela Holmes of Newton and Amanda Loyd of Louisville. Math instructors Sue Ford and Gail Fulton serve as sponsors of Mu Alpha Theta, an organization for students who excel in mathematics. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Students Sponsor Toy Drive ~ East Central Community College Campus Link members recently held a Toy Drive for needy children in the area. Toys were collected on the Decatur campus and were distributed by Newton County Elementary School. Campus Link members pictured are (from left) Terra Williams of Newton, Sarah Allard of Union, Tammy Jones of Newton and Shameka Cleveland of Decatur. Not pictured is Ashley Buckman, Campus Link member and project coordinator. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Jan 3

EC's brightest prepare for Scholar's Bowl

Preparing for academic competition

These members of the East Central Community College's Scholars Bowl Team are busily preparing for upcoming academic competitions scheduled with other students representing the state's community and junior colleges. First on the agenda is the South Mississippi Scholars Bowl, which will be held January 24 at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville. The state contest - officially known as the Ken Wooten Scholars Bowl - is scheduled February 21-22 at the University of Mississippi. Wooten, a Leake County native, is an ECCC alumnus who helped organized the statewide competition while he was an administrator at Ole Miss. Members of the ECCC Scholars Bowl Team and their respective high schools are, seated from left, Katie Ford, Newton County Academy; Vickie Powe, Leake Academy; Jenna Talbert, Newton (home schooled); and Amy Haralson, Scott Central; and standing from left, Justin Dean, Newton County; Jeremy Gibbs, Morton Attendance Center; Adam Huffman, Neshoba Central; and Josh Jenkins and Drew Henry, both of Carthage. Dr. Linda Lane serves as sponsor. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Jan 20

Williams Recognized for Volunteer Work

Terra Williams (center) of Newton was recently honored as "Volunteer of the Semester" for fall 2002 by the East Central Community College Learning Skills Center. Williams, an elementary education major and member of the College's Campus Link organization, logged more than 60 volunteer hours. Presenting her with a gift basket and certificate of appreciation are Shameka Cleveland of Decatur (left) and Tammy Jones of Newton (right).

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WEEK OF Jan 30

ECCC,s Phi Theta Kappa Presents Check

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WEEK OF Jan 27

Bevy of beauties

Members of the East Central Community College Centralettes, the danceline for the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band, and their respective high schools, front row, from left: Claudia Zynosky-Sharpling, Newton County; Sandy Keene, Union; Carrie Cumberland, Philadelphia. Second row: Andrea Walker, Edinburg; Beth Pearson, Nanih Waiya; Whitney Harris, Newton County; Kristen Rice, Newton County Academy. Third row: Haley Waggoner, Morton; Liz Kirk, Nanih Waiya; Mary Lois Thomas, Blair Anderson and Kristin Hedrick, all of Newton County. Back row: Heather Palmer, Union; Brittany Young, Winston Academy; Dana Buckley, Union; Rachel Carter, Winston Academy; Kery McDill, Newton County; Brooke Dorman of Edinburg. Lori Muse serves as choreographer. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Feb 3

ECCC Phi Theta Kappa Inductees

These East Central Community College students from the Scott County area were among 96 scholars tapped for membership into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, during the spring 2003 induction ceremony held in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. First row, from left, are W.L. Sessums, Brandon; Kimyatta Viverette, Lake; Lane Noel, Forest; Jessica Hollingsworth, Lake; and Christy Martin, Harperville. Second row, from left, are B. J. Frith and Ryan Meeks, both of Morton; Gareth Henry, Drew Kenna and Jonathan Sigrest, all of Forest; and Jason Sistrunk, Sebastopol. Membership in the prestigious organization is by invitation only and is extended to students who have at least a 3.5 grade point average at the time of induction and have an overall GPA of 3.5. Christy Ferguson and Brent Gregory serve as advisors. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Feb 3

ECCC Phi Theta Kappa Inductees ~ These East Central Community College students from Newton County were among 96 scholars tapped for membership into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, during the spring 2003 induction ceremony held in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. First row, from left, are Carri Myers, Newton; Mandy Wyatt, Decatur; Kacey Bender, Newton; Krissi Harris, Blair Anderson and Kery McDill, all of Decatur; Terrisa Myrick of Union and Shelley Johnson of Hickory. Second row, from left, are Casey Young, Mary Lois Thomas, Jennifer Carson and Courtney Dorsett, all of Decatur; Yolanda Johnson, Newton; Allen Davis, Decatur; Shana Graham, Conehatta; and Yvette Richardson, Decatur. Third row, from left, are Jenna Talbert, Newton; Emily Mayes, Decatur; Steven McGee, Lawrence; Andrew Cooley, Chunky; Allison Gressett, and Juston Dean, both of Decatur; Austin Griffin, Newton; and Luke McNair, Hickory. Fourth row, from left, are Joseph Miller and Chris Bounds, both of Newton; Joseph Charlton, Little Rock; Rich Lachney, Hickory; Matt Parks, Newton; Ramsey King, Conehatta; and Dan Henry, Newton. Membership in the prestigious organization is by invitation only and is extended to students who have at least a 3.5 grade point average at the time of induction and have an overall GPA of 3.5. Christy Ferguson and Brent Gregory serve as advisors. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Feb 3

Top of class

ECCC's Phi Theta Kappa Officers

These East Central Community College students serve as officers of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college. The group is pictured prior to the organization's spring semester induction ceremony held in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus.

From left are Jimmy Hall of Lena, chapter vice president and MS/LA Regional President; April McAdory of Philadelphia, chapter president; Amy Rawson of Carthage, vice president for scholarship; April Jones of Forest, vice president for leadership; Lance Hall of Forest, vice president for service; Charles Wood of Louisville, vice president for fellowship; Christen Herrington of Carthage, secretary/treasurer; Natasha Phillips of Carthage, reporter; and Victoria Daniels of Philadelphia, historian. Christy Ferguson and Brent Gregory serve as advisors.

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WEEK OF Feb 10

PTK induction

Kathy Hayes, second from left, director of regional programs at Phi Theta Kappa's international headquarters in Jackson, participated in the spring 2003 induction ceremony for members of Theta Xi Chapter at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured with the PTK official are (from left) Brent Gregory, Theta Xi co-advisor; ECCC sophomore Jimmy Hall of Lena, who serves as MS/LA Regional President; and Christy Ferguson, Theta Xi co-advisor. Ninety-six students were welcomed into the international honor society during the special program held in Huff Auditorium. Membership in the organization is by invitation only and is extended to students who earned at least a 3.5 grade point average at the time of induction and have an overall GPA of 3.5.

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WEEK OF Feb 10

Scott County ECCC Band Members

The 2002 edition of the East Central Community College Wall O' Sound Marching Band includes the above students from Scott County. First row, from left, are Haley Waggoner, Jessica Fedrick, Austin Lloyd and Stephanie Winstead, all of Morton; Jennifer Adcock, Forest; and Jason Price, Sebastopol. Second row, from left, are Krystal Moore, Adrian Moore and Lee Dooley, all of Lake; Miranda Cooper, Scott Central; and Kathy Rushing, Sebastopol. Third row, from left, are Amanda Alford, Latrice Spivey and Heather Hanks, all of Forest; and Amanda Holloway, Todd Butler and Claudia Patrick, all of Sebastopol.

Thomas W. Carson serves as band director.

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ECCC Surgical Technology Graduates

Graduates of East Central Community College's surgical technology program were recently recognized during a pinning ceremony held in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the campus. Members of the Class of 2002 include, seated from left, Walvisa Bester of Philadelphia, Leann Bryan of Lena, Rachel Chapman of Philadelphia, and Candy Gibson and Jessica Hamm, both of Decatur; and standing from left, Amanda Harris of Hickory, Angela Shaw of Decatur, Kristie Spivey of Forest, Kyoko Walker of Newton and Miranda Watson of Louisville. LeAnn Shirley and Kristie Pilgrim serve as instructors. *(EC Photo)*

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WEEK OF Feb 17

ECCC Gospel Choir

Members of East Central Community College's Gospel Choir are shown prior to the annual Fall Concert held in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. Pictured are, first row from left, La Tasha Hall, Decatur; Christina Wilder, Seattle, Washington; Elsalena Roberts, Newton; Pamela Carter, Philadelphia; Cortez Washington, Jackson; Reggie Cistrunk, Louisville; Austin Lloyd, Morton; LaShandriea Luckett and Anita Griffin, both of Carthage; and Natasha Foster, Philadelphia; second row, from left, are Keisha Temple, Newton; Kenata Morgan, Carthage; Shaye Moncrief, Newton; Trista Haynes, Noxapater; Gary Hathorn, Bassfield; Billy Moore, Walnut Grove; Terance Anderson, Preston; Diedre Greer, Galilee; LeMeisha Wilder, Carthage; and Mrs. Brenda K. Johnson of Lawrence, sponsor; third row, from left, Sharon Gaddis, Carthage; Eldner Graham, Noxapater; Valerie Rush and Andreka Johnson, both of Louisville; Troy Huddleston, Decatur; Dantavis McClendon, Lena; Sharonda Rush, Louisville; and Tanzanekia Adams, Meridian; and fourth row, from left, Yolanda Johnson, Newton; Tamika Stribling, Walnut Grove; Johnny Jones, Newton; Damien Wash, Decatur; and Kenny McWilliams and Jonathan Griffin, both of Philadelphia. Not pictured are Keisha Burnside of Philadelphia, Dejuan Whitfield and Monshay Gross, both of Louisville; Andrian Moore, Morton; Terra Williams, Newton; and Fredrick Denson, Lena.

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Events Jan - June 2003

Week of March 3, 2003

ECCC To Present Spring Band Concert March 24

The East Central Community College Band Department will present its annual spring concert at 7 p.m. Monday, March 24, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus.

Performing groups include the concert band and the percussion ensemble, under the direction of assistant band director Jared Brownlee, and the jazz band, led by director of bands Thomas W. Carson. According to Brownlee, the concert band will perform classics such as "Bugler's Holiday" and compositions of renowned band composer Robert W. Smith. Carson said the jazz band would pull some "new tricks" out of their hats. And Brownlee's only comment about the percussion ensemble was "you'll have to see it to believe it."

The public is invited to attend and there is no charge for admission. For more information contact Carson at 635-2111, ext. 228, or Brownlee at 635-2111, ext. 306.

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Clubs/Organizations Jan-June 2003

WEEK OF March 3

ECCC Students Tapped For Math Club - Recently welcomed as new members of Mu Alpha Theta at East Central Community College in Decatur include, seated from left, Mandy Eakes of Philadelphia, Christy Martin of Forest, Christy Fedrick of Philadelphia, Shelley Johnson of Hickory and Sarah Allard of Union, and standing from left, Amy Warren of Louisville, Jennifer Harpole of Carthage, Joseph Charlton of Little Rock, Kery McDill of Decatur, David Burt of Newton, Drew Kenna of Forest, Lacey Sanborn of Noxapater, Natasha Phillips and Amy Rawson, both of Carthage; Angela Holmes of Newton and Amanda Loyd of Louisville. Math instructors Sue Ford and Gail Fulton serve as sponsors of Mu Alpha Theta, an organization for students who excel in mathematics. (EC Photo)

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FBLA 'Word Processing I' Winners

Winners in the Word Processing I competition held at the Central District Leadership Conference of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) included, from left, David Overcash, first place, Northeast Lauderdale High School; Mary Connell, second, Richland High School; Kristie Usry, third, Forest/Scott County Career and Technology Center; Michael Brown, fourth, Yazoo City Vocational-Technical Center; and Kristen Smith, fifth, Neshoba Central High School. Not pictured is Beatrice Davis of Canton Public Schools, who finished sixth.

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FBLA ACC I Winners

Winners in the Accounting I competition held at the Central District Leadership Conference of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) included, from left, James Pearson, first place, Forest-Scott County Career and Technical Center; Alisha Lawrence, second, Warren Central High School; Elizabeth Morrison, third, Winona High School; Ashley Kilpatrick, fourth, Neshoba Central High School; Marsha Reed, fifth, Louisville High School; and Lakecia Williams sixth, Crystal Springs High School. Approximately 800 students representing 37 high schools and vo-tech centers attended the annual contest, held at East Central Community College in Decatur and hosted by the College's Phi Beta Lambda Chapter, an organization for business students. The district winners will also compete in the state contest scheduled March 30-April 1 at the Clarion Hotel in Jackson.

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Winners in the Impromptu Speaking competition held at the Central District Leadership Conference of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) included, from left, Nedrick Patrick, first place, Leake County Vocational-Technical Center; Darren Reed, second, Newton Career Center; Clayton Ollasna, third, Piney Woods School; Cathy Wess, fifth, Neshoba Central High School; and Terrance Ilion, sixth, West Tallahatchie High School. Not pictured is fourth-place winner Willis Lyons of Philadelphia High School. Approximately 800 students representing 37 high schools and vo-tech centers attended the annual conference, held at East Central Community College and hosted by the College's Phi Beta Lambda Chapter, an organization for business students. The district winners will also compete at the state contest scheduled March 30-April 1 at the Clarion Hotel in Jackson. (EC Photo)

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Banking Competition Winners At FBLA Contest
Winners in the Banking and Financial Services competition held at the Central District Leadership Conference of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) included, from left, Ashley Belton, second place, Leland High School; Felicia R. Hayes, third, Vicksburg Vocational-Technical Center; Kristen Gray, fourth, Neshoba Central High School; Monchel Ratliff, fifth, Winona High School; and Kimberly Dempsey, sixth, Louisville High School. Not pictured is first-place winner Yash Sandhu of Pearl High School.

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'Parliamentary Procedures' Winners At FBLA Contest ~ These students representing Newton County Academy placed fourth in the Parliamentary Procedures competition held at the Central District Leadership Conference of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). From left are Brooke McMillan, Amanda McMillan, Lee Blackburn and Nathan Brewer. Not pictured is team member Krista Chaney. Approximately 800 students representing 37 high schools and vo-tech centers attended the annual conference, held at East Central Community College in Decatur and hosted by the College's Phi Beta Lambda Chapter, an organization for business students. The district winners will compete at the state contest scheduled March 30-April 1 at the Clarion Hotel in Jackson.

FBLA Winners ~ Winners in the recent Futu Business Leaders of America competition held East Central Community College were UHS s dents Candice McCann, 2nd place in Busin Communications, and Andrew Nichols, 1st place Computer Concepts. FBLA sponsor is Ruth Grego *(Photo by Deanna Rush)*

Win Network Design Competition At FBLA Conte ~ These students representing Newton Coun Academy won top honors in the Network Desi competition held at the Central District Leadersh Conference of Future Business Leaders of Ameri (FBLA). From left are Kyle Barnett, Ben Walker a Scotty Massey.

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WEEK OF March 3

EC Nursing Students Elected

Several students enrolled in East Central Community College's Associate Degree Nursing program were recently elected to serve in various capacities on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Association of Student Nurses. From left are Beth Wedgeworth of Forest, first vice president; Bobby Martin of Carthage, second vice president; Darlene Thomas of Noxapater, ADN representative south; and Kimberly Hancock of Forest, who was selected director of Pulse Point, the MASN newspaper. Not pictured is Melissa Tindol of Philadelphia, a 2002 graduate of the College's ADN program, who was selected consultant. The officers were chosen at the annual MASN Convention held recently on the Gulf Coast.

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'Computer Concepts' Winners At FBLA Contest

Winners in the Computer Concepts competition held at the Central District Leadership Conference of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) included, from left Andrew Nichols, first place, Union Public School; Jon Erik Williams, second, Vicksburg/Warren County Vocational-Technical Center; Eric Sumrall, third, Forest/Scott County Career and Technology Center; and Nolan Burchfield, fifth, Winston/Louisville Vocational-Technical Center. Not pictured are Ty Whitlock, fourth, Pearl High School, and Amber Dean, sixth, Neshoba Central High School. Approximately 800 students representing 37 high schools and vo-tech centers attended the annual conference, held at East Central Community College in Decatur and hosted by the College's Phi Beta Lambda Chapter, an organization for business students. The district winners will also compete at the state contest scheduled March 30-April 1 at the Clarion Hotel in Jackson.

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Receive ECCC Cheerleader Awards - These members of the East Central Community College cheerleading squad received honors at the annual Fall Sports Banquet held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. From left are Nathan Stamper of Decatur, Academic Award; Jennifer Walker of Philadelphia and Lindsey Cheatham of Decatur, Co-Captain Awards; and Brodie Perkins of Carthage, Academic Award. Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president, and Carrie Underwood, cheerleader sponsor, presented the awards.

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ECCC Concert Choir - East Central Community College's Concert Choir is shown prior to the group's fall concert held recently in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. Members include, first row, from left, director Len Bobo, Brandon; Kristal Burton, Little Rock; Shelley Brake, Florence; Megan Logan, Newton; Natalie Duncan, Lake; Johnny Jones, Newton; Luke Howell, Decatur; Kerry Gilmer, Little Rock; Kimberly Hays, Carthage; Sarah Cole, Union; Lakeshia Lee, Forest; Deidre Greer, Carthage; and accompanist Leesa Wilkinson, Hickory; second row, from left, Amy Chamblee, Carthage; Nakita Ragsdale, Pulaski; Kristen Thornton and Lisa Chamblee, both of Carthage; Dinah Howell, Decatur; Chuck Quinn and Shondrick Hampton, both of Louisville; Matthew Smith, Morton; Matt Carroll, Collinsville; Grant Morris, Philadelphia; Krystal Moore, Lake; Jennifer Carson, Decatur; Rachel Carter, Louisville; and Shelly Johnson, Hickory; and third row, from left, Alyssa Ford, Newton; Janna Nowell, Philadelphia; Emily Mayes, Decatur; Nathan Evans, Chunky; Josh Hall, Morton; Damien Wash, Hickory; Adam McAdory, Louisville; Kiel May, Vicksburg; Stephen Harrison, Meridian; Brad Sutphin, Decatur; Lee Dooley, Lake; and Steven Irby, Meridian. (EC Photo)

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Computer Applications Winners At FBLA Contest

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ECCC Nursing Students Elected to State Office

Several students enrolled in East Central Community College's Associate Degree Nursing program were elected to serve in various capacities on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Association of Student Nurses.

From left are Beth Wedgeworth of Forest, first vice president; Bobby Martin of Carthage, second vice president; Darlene Thomas of Noxapater, ADN representative south; and Kimberly Hancock of Forest, who was selected director of Pulse Point, the MASN newspaper. Not pictured is Melissa Tindol of Philadelphia, a 2002 graduate of the College's ADN program, who was selected consultant. The officers were chosen at the annual MASN Convention held recently on the Gulf Coast.

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EC Expo Draws 70 Exhibitors

Students at East Central Community College will have an opportunity to meet with prospective employers, senior college and military representatives when the third annual Business, Education and Healthcare Expo gets underway Thursday, March 20 on the Decatur campus.

Approximately 70 exhibitors have reserved space for the event, which is scheduled from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building. Event organizer Sylvia Bush, the College's vocational-technical counselor, said she is pleased with the response for this year's Expo and hopes ECCC students will take advantage of the employment and educational opportunities that will be available. "Approximately 700 ECCC students attended the Expo last year, and we hope to draw an even bigger crowd on Thursday. Numerous students landed jobs as a result of the 2002 Expo, and we expect the same result this year," Bush said.

For more information contact Sylvia Bush, ECCC vocational-technical counselor, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 214.

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EC Reports Record Spring Enrollment

A record spring semester enrollment has been set at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Donna Luke, Director of Admissions, Records, and Research.

Luke said 2,407 students are registered for day and evening classes offered by the College, which represents a four percent increase compared to the 2002 spring term when 2315 students signed up for classes.

Included in the record enrollment are 1685 academic students, 634 technical students and 88 students who are enrolled in vocational courses.

East Central set an all-time record enrollment last fall when 2503 students registered for classes, which are offered on the Decatur campus and at various locations throughout the College's five-county district.

ECCC Fine Arts Festival Scheduled

The second annual East Central Community College Fine Arts Festival will be held Monday, March 31 in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. Activities begin at 7 p.m. with a performance by the Concert Choir, directed by Len Bobo with accompaniment provided by Leesa Wilkinson. The Juried Spring Art Show officially gets underway at 8 p.m., and features artwork from students of instructor Bruce Guraedy. There is no charge for admission and refreshments will be served.

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Educating educators

MWinston Educators At ECCC Workshop

These Winston County educators were among participants at a School Counselors Workshop sponsored by East Central Community College in Decatur and held at Lake Tiak OKhata in Louisville. College officials presented information regarding various topics of interest at the half-day session, which was attended by school personnel from ECCCs five-county district. Seated from left are Tomeka Walker, Computer and Technology Discovery teacher, Noxapater High School; Cindy Stewart, counselor, Louisville-Winston County Vocational-Technical Center; Cindy Hailey, Career Center Technician, Nanih Waiya High School; and Cathryn Stokes, counselor, Noxapater and Nanih Waiya high schools. Standing from left are Wini Beech, counselor, Eiland Middle School; Julie Clark, counselor, Louisville High School; Daphne Partridge, Career Center Technician, Louisville High School; Edna Dunaway, Career Center Technician, Noxapater High School; Kathryn Rogers, Computer and Technology Discovery teacher, Nanih Waiya High School; and Lanette Hanna, ECCC academic counselor. East Central serves Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties.

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Processing words

Winners in the Word Processing II competition held at the Central District leadership Conference of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) included, from left, Cynthia Strong, first place, Yazoo City Vocational-Technical Center; Anna Cagle, second, Northeast Lauderdale High School; Amanda Keeton, third, Winston County/Louisville Vocational-Technical Center; April Burnside, fourth, Leake County Vocational-Technical Center; and Brittany Wooten, fifth, Forest/Scott County Career and Technology Center. Not pictured is Nichole Jones, sixth, Philadelphia/Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center.

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Alex Shepard (left) of Sebastopol and Megan Logan of Newton were recently selected Mr. and Miss East Central Community College.

Shepard, Logan chosen as Mr. and Miss ECCC

Alex Shepard of Sebastopol and Megan Logan of Newton were recently selected Mr. and Miss East Central Community College for the 2002-2003 college term.

Shepard, a 2001 graduate of Sebastopol High School, is a member of the ECCC Diamond Warrior baseball team and was selected Most Improved for during the 2002 season.

He is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college; Sigma Sigma Mu Tau medical club, Baptist Student Union and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

A physical therapy major, Shepard plans to continue his education at the University of Mississippi and the UM Medical Center in Jackson.

A liberal arts major, Logan is a 2001 graduate of Newton High School. She serves as a student assistant for the Lady Warrior basketball team and is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Mu Alpha Theta mathematics honor society, Diamond Girls, Baptist Student Union and Wesley Foundation.

She also participates in the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band, the concert band and the concert choir.

Logan serves as treasurer of the Student Body Association and was selected a sophomore Homecoming maid. She was recently named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges.

Mr. and Miss ECCC are selected by a vote of the student body and will be featured in the 2003 edition of the College yearbook, the Wo-He-Lo.

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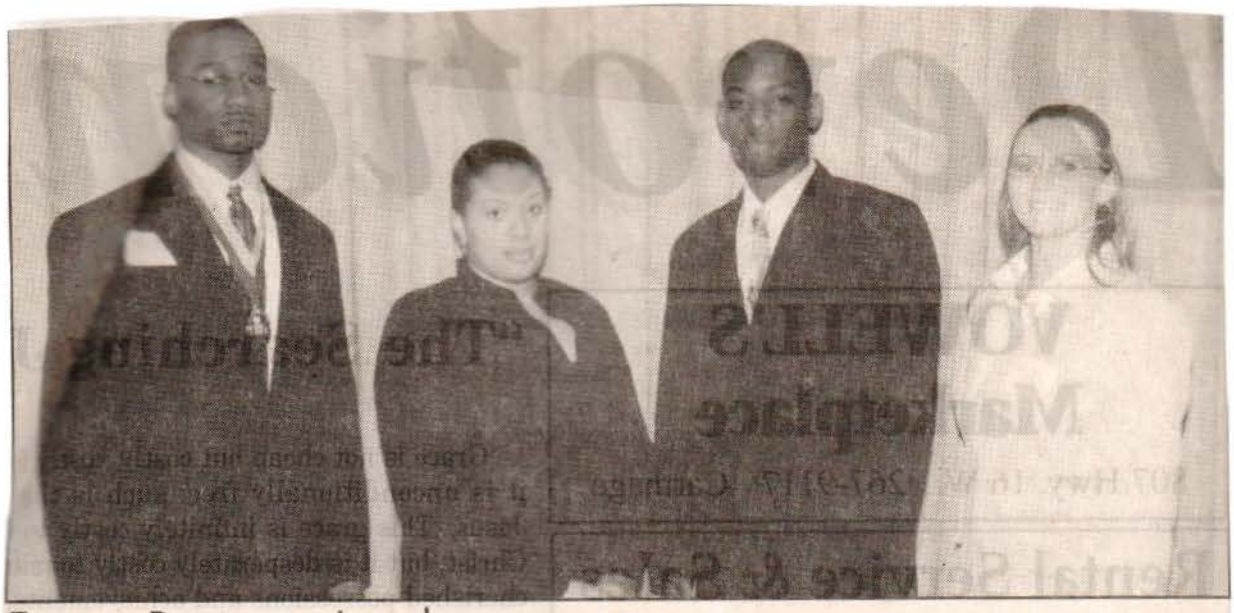

Future Business Leaders

These students won honors in the Future Business Leaders competition held at the Central District Leadership Conference of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). From left are Aaron Walker, first place, Newton Career Center; Sheena Moore, second, Neshoba Central High School; James Ricks, third, Leake County Vocational-Technical Center; and Tracy McMahon, fourth, Newton County Academy. Not pictured are fifth-place winner Ashley Harris of Leland Vocational Center and Phederica Dean of Leflore County Vocational Center, who finished sixth.

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ECCC Receives Phi Theta Kappa Honors

Various honors were presented to East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, at the organization's Mississippi/Louisiana Regional Convention held at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville. Theta Xi was named Most Outstanding Chapter of the Year and received Five Star Level recognition. The group was also selected a Scholarship Hallmark winner, received the Brotherhood Award, and finished runner-up in the newsletter competition. In addition, Theta Xi was chosen to serve as MS/LA Historian for the upcoming school year. Individual honors were presented to chapter advisor Christy Ferguson, who received the Horizon Award, and sophomore, Jimmy Hall of Lena, selected Most Distinguished Student Runner-Up. Hall, a product of Leake Academy, serves as regional president and made a presentation at the convention on the 2002-2003 Honors Study topic, "Dimensions and Directions of Health: Choices in the Maze." Theta Xi members who attended the convention include, seated from left, Natasha Phillips of Carthage, Vickie Powe of Walnut Grove, April McAdory of Philadelphia, Jimmy Hall of Lena and advisor Christy Ferguson, and standing from left, advisor Brent Gregory, Chris Moody of Louisville, Ashley Fleming of Philadelphia, Christen Herrington of Carthage, Lance Hall of Forest, Jaclyn Evans of Bay Springs, Kacey Bender of Newton, Adam Joseph Wall of Forest, Juston Dean of Newton and Chuck Wood of Louisville.

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ECCC Ac'cents

East Central Community College's show choir, the Ac'cents, will perform their spring campus concert Thursday, May 1, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium. They will perform such hits as Patty LaBelle's New Attitude, George Gershwin's They Can't Take That Away From Me, River Jordan, a spiritual from the Broadway production of Civil War; Pink's Get this Party Started, Christina Aguilera's Come on Over, Fame, from the hit movie Fame; plus Elvis hits Blue Suede Shoes, Can't Help Falling in Love, and Jailhouse Rock. Members include Nathan Evans of Chunky, Steven Irby of Meridian, Lee Dooley of Lake, Kristin Hedrick of Conehatta, Mary Lois Thomas and Emily Mayes, both of Decatur; Dinah Howell and Luke Howell, both of Little Rock; Amy Chamblee and Lisa Chamblee, both of Carthage; Johnny Jones of Newton, Damein Wash of Hickory and technicians Chris Moody and Adam McAdory, both of Louisville. East Central Alumnus Ricardo Robinson of Decatur, now a student at the University of Southern Mississippi, serves as choreographer.

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ECCC Award winners

These surgical technology students at East Central Community College in Decatur won various honors at the State HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) competition held in Biloxi. Seated from left are Miranda Perkins of Eupora, who won first place, Outstanding HOSA Chapter (for chapter scrapbook) and was elected a state officer (Central District Representative); Brody Perkins of Carthage, second place, clinical specialty-surgical technology, and Mr. HOSA Pageant winner; Amber Jewell of Louisville, first place, Extemporaneous Health Poster; and Natasha Yeager of Meridian, HOSA Pageant top five finalist. Second row, from left, are Kenyeda Boler of Philadelphia and Pandasala McClendon of Forest, third place, Community Awareness Poster; Dina Minter of Meridian, fifth place, Human Growth and Development Knowledge Test; and Kristee Conner, HOSA Pageant top five finalist. State officers and the top three finishers in each category qualify to compete in the National HOSA Contest scheduled June 18-21 in Atlanta, Georgia.

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ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM

Lance Hall, center, of Forest was named to the 2003 Mississippi All-State Academic First Team. The East Central Community College sophomore is pictured at the awards ceremony with Christy Ferguson, left, an adviser for the college's Phi Theta Kappa chapter — the international honor society of two-year colleges — and Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president.

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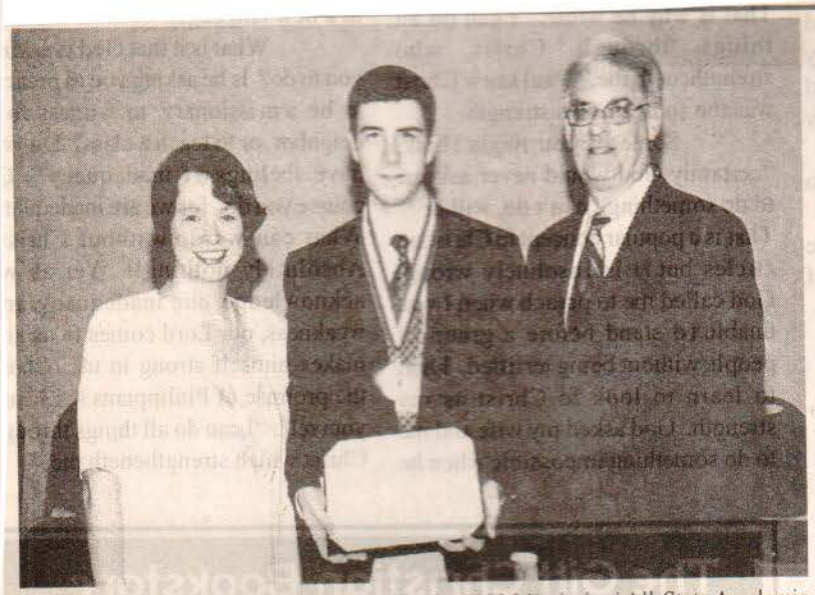

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Top Musicians at ECCC Band Clinic

These musicians representing area high schools received "first band, first chair" honors at the annual East Central Community College Band Clinic held on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (first row, from left) Jennie Vance, Lake; Daniel Herring, Morton; Emily Thrash, Sebastopol; Anna Horvath, Scott Central; Kelly Bankston, Sebastopol; and J. J. Lathem, Morton; (second row, from left) Erin Warren, Philadelphia; Dana Apperson, Neshoba Central; Carl Swanigan, Louisville; and Josh Breedlove and Drew Leach, both of Sebastopol; and (third row, from left) Eric Henderson, Forest; Adam McDaniel and Steven Thomas, both of Neshoba Central; and Josh Dickerson, Newton. The two-day clinic was held under the supervision of Thomas W. Carson, ECCC Director of Bands. (EC Photo)

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ECCC tudents named to Academic All-State Teams

East Central Community College sophomores Lance Hall of Forest and Jimmy Hall of Lena were named to the 2003 Mississippi All-State Academic Teams, an annual recognition of the scholarly achievements and leadership accomplishments of students enrolled in the state's community and junior colleges.

The Clarion-Ledger, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges, and the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior Colleges coordinate the All-Mississippi Academic Team program.

The award recipients were honored by the Mississippi Legislature at the State Capitol and were guests at a luncheon held at the Clarion Hotel in Jackson. Governor Ronnie Musgrove was guest speaker and Senator Terrry C. Burton of Newton served as master of ceremonies.

Lance Hall, a business administration major with a 3.91 grade point average, was selected on the First Team and received a $1000 scholarship to continue his education.

He serves as Vice President for Service for Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and is vice president of Mu Alpha Theta, an organization for students interested in math. He is also a member of the Warrior Corps, an elite group of students who assist in recruiting and serve as hosts for various College events and activities, and serves as a writer for the Phi Theta Kappa (Theta Xi Chapter) newsletter and The Tom-Tom, the campus newspaper.

In addition, Hall has volunteered his services for various fund-raising activities, including Making Strikes Against Breast Cancer, World Food Week, the Great American Smoke-Out Day and the Adopt-A-Mile program.

He received various scholarships to attend ECCC and was recently named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

A graduate of Forest High School, Hall is the son of Billy and Debbie Hall of Forest.

Jimmy Hall, a Leake Academy graduate, is a pre-nursing major with a 3.79 grade point average at East Central, where he serves as editor of The Tom-Tom; vice president of the Student Body Association; vice president of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, an organization for students interested in medical fields of study; vice president of the Environmental Club; and member of the Warrior Corps. He is a member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and serves as Regional (MS/LA) President.

In addition, he serves as a tutor in the ECCC Leaning Skills Center and volunteers for the Adopt-A-Highway Project, Wildlife Habitat Project (involves beautification of ECCC front campus) and Make-A-Difference Day. He also teaches Vacation Bible School classes.

He also received various scholarships to attend ECCC and is included in the Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges publication.

His parents are Johnny and Kathy Hall of Lena.

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Leading into the future

These students were recently elected Student Body Association officers at East Central Community College for 2003-04. Pictured are (from left) Adam McAdory of Louisville, president; Mary Lois Thomas of Decatur, vice president; Audra Myers of Louisville, secretary; and Amy Warner of Louisville, treasurer. (EC Photo)

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Not singing the Blues

ECCC Collegians to Perform at Busch Gardens

The 2002-2003 East Central Community College Collegians will embark on their fourteenth annual summer tour in May and will be the featured entertainers at Busch Gardens in Tampa, Florida, where they will entertain an international audience at the Safari outdoor theatre. Members include (kneeling from left) Andy Polizzi of Meridian, Bryan Whitley of Philadelphia, Lucas Quinn of Union, Lucas Pope and Joseph Bozeman, both of Neshoba Central; and Ryan Cooper of Newton County; (second row, from left) Amanda Thompson of Louisville, April McAdory of Neshoba Central, Jennifer Carson of Newton County, Natalie Tanksley of Sebastopol, April Ellis of Edinburg, Emily Mayes of Newton County and Chris Moody of Nanih Waiya; and (third row, from left) David Walters of Philadelphia, Adam McAdory of Louisville, Damein Wash and Chris Carson, both of Newton County; Johnny Jones II of Newton and Grant Morris of Neshoba Central. The Collegians are under the direction of Thomas W. Carson who is also a member of the group. (EC Photo)

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ECCC Mu Alpha Theta Inductees

These students at East Central Community College were recently inducted into Mu Alpha Theta, an organization for students who excel in mathematics. Pictured are (seated, from left) Aparna Goswami of Newton, Jennifer Kersh of Enterprise, Brandy Brown of Pelahatchie and Ashley Brown of Philadelphia; and (standing, from left) Vimukti Goswami of Newton, Eric Townsend of Forest, Timothy Fieber of Philadelphia, Dan Henry of Newton and Robin Page of Union. Sue Ford serves as sponsor.

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ECCC Collegians

The Collegians, East Central ommunity College's rock and roll nd performed hits by John Mayer, o Doubt, Craig David, Sara Evans d many more! Members of the llegians include (kneeling from left) hnicians Lucas Pope and Joseph neeman, both of Neshoba Central, yon Whitley of Philadelphia and an Coper of Newton County; and yboardist Emily Mayes of Newton unty; (second row, from left) vocal-s Natalie Tanksley of Sebastopol and istin Thornton and April Ellis, both Edinburg; technician Andy Polizzi Meridian and guitarist Chris Moody Nanih Waiya; (third row, from left) hnician Lucas Quinn of Union, calists Jennifer Carson, Chris rson and Damein Wash, all of ewton County; and bass guitarist nat Morris Neshoba Central; and ack row, from left) saxophonist manda Thompson of Louisville, mpeters Richard Phillips of iladelphia and April McAdory of eshoba Central; trombonist David alters of Philadelphia and drummer hnny Jones of Newton. Thomas W. rson serves as director and also ys guitar.

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ECCC rodeo team members qualify for national competition at Casper, Wyoming

East Central Community College rodeo team members Daniel Moore of Louisville and Billy Mack Kinard of Collinsville have qualified for the National College Rodeo Finals following their successful participation in a two-region playoff held recently in Lawton, Okla.

The competition included teams from the Ozark Region, of which ECCC is a member, and the Central Plains Region, the largest region in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.

The ECCC students competed in team roping, where they placed second in the Short Go and fourth in the Average.

They will now set their sights on the national competition scheduled in mid-June in Casper, Wyoming.

Kinard also finished thirteenth in steer wrestling.

Other members of the College's rodeo team who participated in the regional playoffs included Chance Smart of Vardaman, who finished sixth in Bull Riding; Adria Cremen of Noxapater, thirteenth in Barrel Racing; and Lacey Sanborn of Noxapater, who placed thirteenth in Break-A-Way Roping.

Drew Walters of Louin participated in the Bull Riding event and Kasidi Griffin of Newton competed in Barrel Racing.

Larry Dial of Livingston, Ala., serves as coach of the ECCC Rodeo Team.

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UM transfer scholarship recipients

These East Central Community College sophomores received transfer scholarships to the University of Mississippi. Scholarships were presented during the annual ECCC Awards Day program held Thursday, May 1, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (from left) April McAdory of Philadelphia, who received one of only 10 Leadership Scholarships presented statewide by the University; Josh Jenkins of Carthage, a sophomore member of the ECCC Scholars Bowl team who received a scholarship in recognition of his outstanding performance in the Ken Wooten Scholars Bowl competition; and Jimmy Hall of Lena who received the 2003 Community College Transfer Scholarship to the University Medical Center in Jackson.

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EC faculty awards

These East Central Community College students received Faculty Memorial Awards during the College's annual Awards Day program held Thursday, May 1, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Honorees included (seated, from left) Eliabeth Johnson of Philadelphia, J. Wallace Bedwell Business; Joseph Charlton of Little Rock, Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry; Emily Mayes of Decatur, Robert G. Fick Memorial; Ashley Fleming of Philadelphia, Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood Biology Science; Luke McNair of Hickory, J. Andy Miller Freshman Engineering; and Michelle Alawine of Union, O.L. Newell Drafting; and (standing from left) Pinkey Gordon of Carthage, Charles E. Pennington Business Technology; Amy Warner of Louisville, General William Patrick Wilson General Academic Award; Adam McAdory of Louisville, Leon Eubanks Kaljyc-Peers; Courtney Puckett of Louisville, Ruth Hull Wo-He-Lo; Shelley Brake of Florence, L.B. Simmons History; and Blair Anderson of Decatur, Thomas W. Thrash Scholarship.

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EC vocational awards

These East Central Community College students received vocational honors during the College's annual Awards Day program held Thursday, May 1, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Honorees include (standing, from left) Vanessa Barton of Walnut Grove and Pamela Lane of Union, cosmetology; Allen Jackson of Philadelphia, welding and cutting; Dawn Cooksey of Conehatta and Debbie McInnish of Carthage, licensed practical nursing; and Patricia Phillips, Vocational Student of the Year. Not pictured are Kenny Gomillion of Morton, cabinet making; and Robert Hardy of Lawrence, carpentry.

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ey Receives Acting Awards

Lee Dooley

East Central Community College student Lee Dooley of Lake recently received acting awards, including best actor in a drama, best supporting actor in a musical and best male dancer, from the ECCC Players.

Dooley, also a member of the College's show choir, the Ac'cents, was recently called to active military duty, and was not able to attend the EC Players banquet, but was presented the awards prior to the Ac'cents spring concert held in Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium.

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EC award honorees

Recipients of special awards presented at the annual East Central Community College Awards Day program held Thursday, May 1, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus include (seated, from left) Nathan Stamper of Decatur, citizenship award; Betty Janette Robinson of Carthage, ECCC Players; Natalie Duncan of Lake and Adam McAdory of Louisville, ECCC Singers; Timothy Fieber of Philadelphia, Richard Fisher Organic Chemistry and freshman mathematics; Joseph Charlton of Little Rock, freshman mathematics; Luke McNair of Hickory, freshman mathematics and Spanish; and Eric Townsend of Forest, freshman mathematics; and (standing, from left) Stephan Sykes of Lawrence and Adam Joseph Wall of Forest, sophomore mathematics; Adam Mann of Philadelphia, S. LeBrun Hutchison Engineering; Amy Warner of Louisville, Myrtle R. Hutchison Elementary Education; Ashley Fleming of Philadelphia, Margaret Mosal Award for Leadership; Jenna Talbert, Ann H. Burkes Phi Theta Kappa; Ashley Ogletree of Sebastopol, Mississippi Business Education Association student award; Jennifer Carson of Decatur, Alyne Simmons Recruitment Grant given by Delta Kappa Gamma; and David Burt of Newton, Walter Arno Vincent Award for Academic Excellence in Athletics. Not pictured are Sharon Gaddis of Carthage and Terance Anderson of Preston, ECCC Gospel Choir; Elizabeth Harrell of Carthage, EC Environmental Club; Coco Graham of Philadelphia, Philadelphia-Neshoba County Arts Council Scholarship; Glenda Brown of Union, Ruth Carr-Vincent Award for Academic Excellence in Nontraditional Education and secondary education award; Beth Wedgeworth, Associate Degree Nursing Outstanding Achievement; and Steven McGee of Lawrence, Kappa Kappa Iota Scholarship.

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Chemistry; Emily Mayes of Decatur, Robert G. Fick Memorial; Ashley Fleming of Philadelphia, Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood Biology Science; Luke McNair of Hickory, J. Andy Miller Freshman Engineering; Michelle Alawine of Union, O.L. Newell Drafting; Pinkey Gordon of Carthage, Charles E. Pennington Business Technology; Amy Warner of Louisville, General William Patrick Wilson General Academic Award; Adam McAdory of Louisville, Leon Eubanks Kaljyc-Peers; Courtney Puckett of Louisville, Ruth Hull Wo-He-Lo; Shelley Brake of Florence, L.B. Simmons History; and Blair Anderson of Decatur, Thomas W. Thrash Scholarship.

Various students also received transfer scholarships to colleges and universities.

Jimmy Hall of Lena is the 2003 recipient of a community college transfer scholarship to the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

April McAdory of Philadelphia received one of only 10 Leadership Scholarships presented statewide by the University of Mississippi this year.

Josh Jenkins of Carthage, a sophomore member of the ECCC Scholars Bowlteam, also received a scholarship to the University of Mississippi in recognition of his outstanding performance during the Ken Wooten
Scholars Bowl competition held at Ole Miss.

The University of Mississippi also presented transfer scholarships to Megan Logan of Newton and Christen Herrington of Carthage.

Students receiving scholarships to the University of Southern Mississippi include Terance Anderson of Preston, football manager scholarship; Eric Gunn of Forest, Phi Theta Kappa Achievement Award; and Maranda Burks of Philadelphia, Ashley Jones of Newton, Kimberly Stone of Carthage and Sarah Allard of Union who received leadership scholarships.

Allard also received a scholarship to attend the University of Southern Mississippi, named in honor of Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president.

Mississippi State University transfer scholarship recipients include Jonathan Bates and Gregory Butler, both of Morton; Emma Chisolm, Leslie Vance and Terrisa Myrick, all of Union; Andrew Cooley of Chunky; James Cowart of Star; Chris Davis of Louisville; Cathy Deason, Mary Margaret Irons, Elizabeth Johnson, Kevin Langley and Carrie Shrock, all of Philadelphia; Jaclyn Evans of Bay Springs; Jennifer Gibson, Lance Hall, Colin Smith and Adam Wall, all of Forest; Ricky Graves of Lena; Doralyn Grimes, Jenifer Lee and John Petty, all of Carthage; Jessica Nester of Lake; Stephan Sykes of Lawrence; and Kerry Gilmer of Little Rock.

Additional transfer scholarship recipients include David Burt of Newton and Nathan Stamper of Decatur, Hannibal-LaGrange College in Hannibal, Missouri; Christy Fedrick and Vickie Powe, both of Philadelphia; April Jones of Forest and Amy Rawson of Carthage, Mississippi College; Stacie Phillipson, Belhaven College in Jackson; Amanda Thompson of Louisville, Mississippi University for Women in Columbus; and Brody Perkins of Carthage, University of West Alabama.

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ECCC Hall of Fame

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A President's List Scholar, Powe was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges.

Those nominating her wrote, "She is a leader and exemplary student. She is an inspiration to her fellow students and will be greatly missed when she leaves East Central. She has a wonderful attitude and puts a smile on your face when she walks in the room. She is an outstanding young woman that possesses the qualities required to be selected to the Hall of Fame."

A graduate of Leake Academy, she is the daughter of Weida Powe of Philadelphia and the late Ed Powe.

Photographs of these students will hang in the Hall of Fame collection in the lobby of Huff Auditorium.

ADDITIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

In addition to the Hall of Fame honorees, various academic honors were presented as well as a number of awards for extracurricular activities.

Vocational award recipients included Kenny Gomillion of Morton, cabinetmaking; Robert Hardy of Lawrence, carpentry; Vanessa Barton of Walnut Grove and Pamela Lane of Union, cosmetology; Allen Jackson of Philadelphia, welding and cutting; Dawn Cooksey of Conehatta and Debbie McInnish of Carthage, licensed practical nursing; and Patricia Phillips of Union, "Vocational Student of the Year."

Recipients of technical awards were Christopher Gordon of Union, collision repair; Curtis Brown of Stonewall, automotive technology; Latabua Sledge of Philadelphia, child development; Ethel DuBose of Shubuta, computer technology; Matthew Smith of Morton, electrical technology; Ryan McCann of Philadelphia, electronics; Bridget Worthy of Louisville, gerontology; Thomas Hitt of Little Rock, heating and air conditioning; Eddie Alexander of Little Rock, first year machine shop; Vontreal Hunt of Louisville, second year machine shop; Eli Fulton of Little Rock, computer network support; Tara Moore of Little Rock, surgical technology; and Eric Gunn of Forest, "Technical Student of the Year."

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Alumni Memorial Award recipients included Tyler Rodgers of Louisville, Billy Wayne Baucum Secondary Education; Mary Margaret Irons of Philadelphia, Opal McMullan Dickerson Elementary Education; Grayson England of Philadelphia, Alatha Chaney English Award; Stephan Sykes of Lawrence, W.A. Coursey, Jr. Engineering; Lisa Chamblee of Carthage, Sue Yarbrough Fulgham Speech; Andrew Massey of Louisville, William S. Giffin Men's Intramural; Charlene Foreman of Little Rock and Tim Morgan of Lake, Homer F. Hunter Award for Athletic Managers; Adam Joseph Wall of Forest, Danny Ray Killens Engineering; Jimmy Hall of Lena and Lance Hall of Forest, Jack B. Mayo Phi Theta Kappa awards; Timothy Fieber of Phihladelphia, Dr. Edwin Miller Medical Services; Kevin Bobbitt of Lake, Howard Sessums Men's Basketball; and Pete McBride of Forest, Andrew F. Webb Football.

Faculty Memorial Awards were presented to Elizabeth Johnson of Philadelphia, J. Wallace Bedwell Business; Joseph Charlton of Little Rock, Frank M. Cross Freshman

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East Central names

Students exemplify the

East Central Community College recently observed its annual "Awards Day" program, where numerous students were honored, including six who were inducted into the College's Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can achieve at ECCC. To be considered for this honor, recipients "must demonstrate exemplary character, superior scholarship, worthy leadership and contribute to the betterment of East Central Community College," according to Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, College president.

Those selected for the prestigious honor for 2002-2003 include Sarah Allard of Union, David Burt of Newton, Jaclyn Evans of Bay Springs, Jimmy Hall of Lena, April McAdory of Philadelphia and Vickie Powe of Philadelphia.

Sarah Allard

Allard is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college; Mu Alpha Theta mathematics honor society and Americorps. She is also a service learning participant.

Allard is a President's List and Dean's List scholar.

Those nominating Allard wrote, "She is a very mature, observant, thoughtful, and sensitive individual. Her greatest asset is her sincere desire to help others. She not only excels in academic assignments, she also shows outstanding leadership skills within the classroom."

A graduate of Union High School, Allard is the daughter of Barry and Jill Richardson of Union.

David Burt

Burt is a member Phi Theta Kappa, Mu Alpha Theta and the President's Council. He serves as president of the Warrior Corps, president of the Baptist Student Union and vice president of the sophomore class. He was selected a freshman class favorite.

A President's List scholar, Burt was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges and was selected a National Dean's List scholar.

Those nominating Burt wrote, "He is the epitome of a good citizen. He is outstanding both academically and morally. He has served as a model of integrity and character and has always represented East Central in an exemplary manner. He is a student that exemplifies the qualities that a member of the hall of fame should possess: strong Christian values, high morals, and strong leadership skills."

A graduate of Newton County Academy, he is the son of Bryan and Mary Burt of Newton.

Jaclyn Evans

Evans is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Warrior Corps, Baptist Student Union, the EC Environmental Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions, President's Council and the Scholar's Bowl team.

She serves as president of Mu Alpha Theta and vice president of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau medical club.

Evans was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges and was recognized as a President's List and Dean's List Scholar. She received the freshman mathematics award and a Coca-Cola Community College scholarship.

Those nominating her wrote, "She is a simply terrific person who has maintained a high grade point average while being involved in many campus activities. She is a very reliable and responsible person who always has a smile on her face and is always willing to help someone."

A graduate of Sylva Bay Academy, Evans is the daughter of Jeff and Rhonda Evans of Bay Springs.

Jimmy Hall

Hall is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and serves as president of the Mississippi/Louisiana Region. In addition, he was named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic Second Team and was nominated for the organization's Order of the Golden Key Award.

He serves as vice president of the Student Body Association and editor of The Tom Tom campus newspaper. He received the Margaret Mosal Award for Leadership and was selected for Who's Who Among American Community and Junior College Students.

In addition, he is a member of Warrior Corps, President's Council, Mu Alpha Theta, the Environmental Club, the Wo-He-Lo yearbook staff, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau and Students Against Destructive Decisions.

Those nominating Hall wrote, "He is an exceptional student who has actively participated in extracurricular activities and maintained an excellent academic record. He is very conscientious and self-motivated. He is very intelligent and committed to reaching his goals in life."

A graduate of Leake Academy, he is the son of Johnny and Kathy Hall of Lena.

April McAdory

McAdory serves as president of the Student Body Association, president of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau and president of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

She is a member of Warrior Corps, Mu Alpha Theta, the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band, Collegians, Baptist Student Union, Diamond Girls and Students Against Destructive Decisions.

A President's List scholar, McAdory received the Leon-Eubanks Kaljyc Peers Leadership Award, the Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry award, the Ann H. Burkes Phi Theta Kappa award and was selected to the Mississippi Community College All-State Band.

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Six area students inducted in ECCC Hall of Fame

These East Central Community College students were recently named to the 2003 Hall Fame, the highest honor a student can receive at the College. The outstanding students were honorees recognized at the annual Awards Day program held on the Decatur campus. from left are April McAdory of Philadelphia, Sarah Allard of Union and Vickie Powe of Grove. Standing from left are David Burt of Newton, Jaclyn Evans of Bay Springs and Hall of Lena. (EC Photo)

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Those nominating y wrote, "She is a student at leadership qualities who emely hard-working and able. She is self-disciplined demonstrated high levels of ment in both curricular and non-curricular activities."

A graduate of Neshoba Central High School, she is the daughter of Jon and Mary Ann McAdory of Philadelphia.

Vickie Powe

Powe serves as treasurer of the sophomore class, treasurer of the EC Environmental Club and treasurer of Students Against Destructive Decisions.

She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, President's Council, Warrior Corps, Student Education Association, Mu Alpha Theta, The Tom Tom newspaper staff and the Scholar's Bowl team. In addition, she serves as a tutor in the Learning Skills Center.

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ECCC PTK Chapter Wins International Honors

Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at East Central Community College was recognized as a Distinguished Chapter and received the Leadership Hallmark Award at the honor society's international convention held April 3-5, 2003, in Anaheim, California. As a Distinguished Chapter, Theta Xi is considered one of the top 25 chapters in the prestigious organization, which includes more than 1,200 chapters at community, technical, and junior colleges in all 50 states, Canada, Japan and U. S. territories abroad. The Hallmark Awards Program is the society's capstone awards competition annually recognizing excellence in programs that promote the Phi Theta Kappa Hallmarks of Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship. Theta Xi members who attended the international convention include (front row, from left) advisor Brent Gregory, April McAdory of Philadelphia, Christopher Moody of Louisville, Lance Hall of Forest and advisor Christy Ferguson; and (back row, from left) Vickie Powe of Philadelphia, Jimmy Hall of Lena, Ashley Fleming of Philadelphia, Chuck Wood of Louisville and Jenna Talbert of Newton. (EC Photo)

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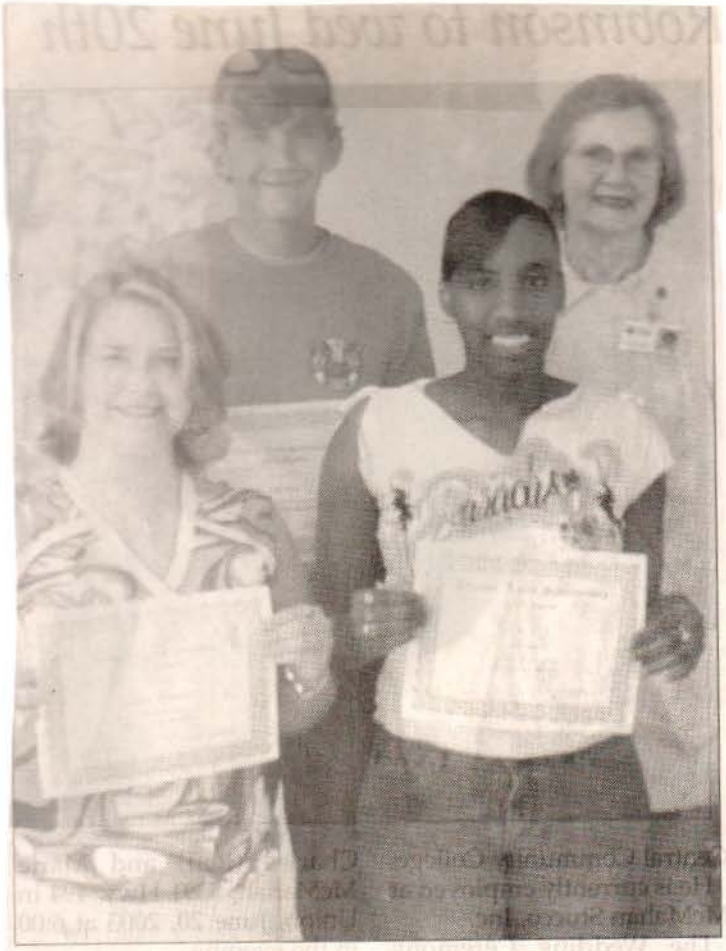

Scholarship Recipients.... Three local high school seniors were the beneficiaries of $400 college scholarships awarded this spring by the Volunteers at Alliance-Laird Hospital in Union. Meagan McMahan (front, left) a graduate of Newton High School will attend East Central Community College; Erica Moore, a senior at Newton High will use her tuition funds at Jones County Junior College, and Paul Moss (back, left), a graduate of the Mississippi School for Math and Science will attend the University of Southern Mississippi. The awards were announced last Thursday by Volunteer Coordinator Jackie Richardson (back, right).

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ECCC graduate

Melinda McMurry of Philadelphia graduated with honors from East Central Community College on May 9, receiving AA degree in business management. She is the wife of the late Travis McMurry, the daughter-in-law of Jackie and Helen McMurry of Carthage and the daughter of Ethel Mizell and the late Walter Mizell of Vancleave.

Herrington tapped as All-American scholar

Christen Herrington of Carthage has been named an All-American Collegiate Scholar by the United States Achievment Academy.

Herrington, who attends East Central Community College, was nominated for the award by ECCC's Joe Killens.

While at ECCC, Herrington has been a member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Mu Alpha Theta, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau, the Warrior Corp, the Baptist Student Union in addition to numerous other activities.

She has also been nominated to the National Dean's List and served as a "bat girl" for the ECCC baseball team.

She is the daughter of David and Judy Herrington of Carthage.

Her grandparents are G.W. and Christine Herrington of Philadelphia, and the late Lamar and Annie Bell Thornton of Carthage.

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Oriented

Colby Clark, a 2003 graduate of Nanih Waiya High School, recently attended Honors Orientation at East Central Community College and is shown preparing his fall class schedule with the assistance of Lucille Wood, Chairperson of the Division of Social Science, Business and Education and physical education instructor. During orientation, students learn about the various academic, social and personal opportunities available at the College. Additional orientation sessions are scheduled for Saturday, June 21; Thursday, July 10; Wednesday, July 23; and Friday, August 15. For more information, contact the Office of Student Services, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 601-635-2111, ext. 205, or toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 205. (EC Photo)

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Brandon Ezell (left), a 2003 graduate of Newton County High School, is this year's recipient of The Pies and Nancy Amanda Breazelle Blount Scholarship to attend East Central Community College. The scholarship was endowed in the fall of 2002 in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Blount and in honor and memory of their 12 children. Mrs. Blount served as the College's dietician from 1933 until her retirement in 1950. Ezell received the scholarship at the 2003 BellSouth Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. He is shown with Jake Yarborough, ECCC head baseball coach/student recruiter following the presentation.

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ty Dowden (left), a 2003 graduate of Newton County High School, is this year's recipient of The Citizens Bank of Philadelphia Scholarship to attend East Central Community College. Dowden received the award at the 2003 BellSouth Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. She is shown with Kenneth Jones, president of the bank's Decatur branch. The scholarship was established in 1992.

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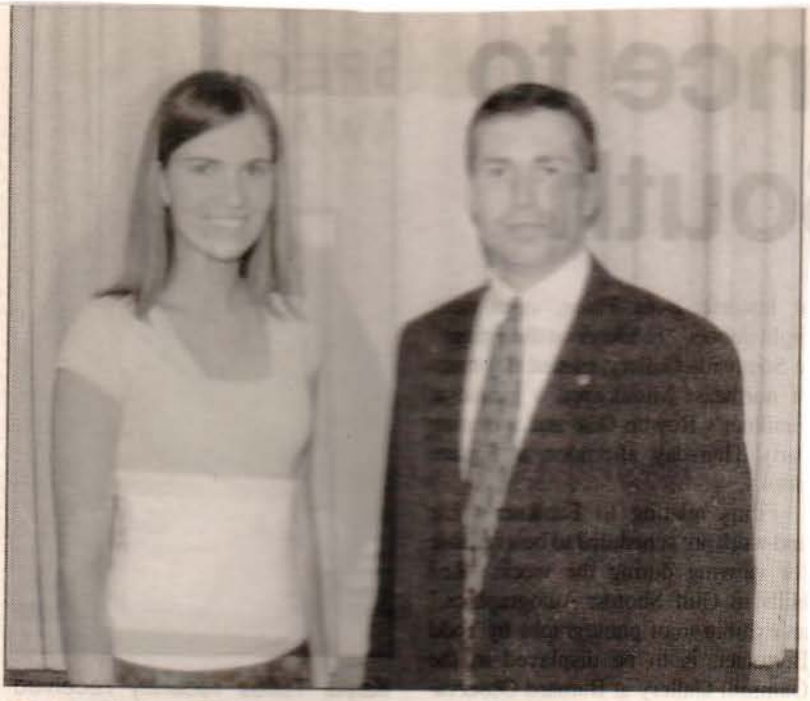

Receives Sertoma Club Scholarship

Anna Waltman, a 2003 graduate of Neshoba Central High Scho this year's recipient of the Philadelphia Sertoma Club Scholarsl attend East Central Community College. Club members establ the scholarship in 2000 as part of their emphasis on education. man received the award at the 2003 BellSouth Scholarship Ap ation Luncheon held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the De campus. She is shown with Sertoma Club representative Heath bling following the presentation. (EC Photo)

Receive M&F Bank Scholarships

Krystal Winstead (second from left) and Tara Ryals, 2003 graduate of Union and Neshoba Central high schools, respectively, are th year's recipients of the Merchants and Farmers Bank Scholarship attend East Central Community College. Established in 1998, th scholarship is awarded to two high school seniors residing in Nesh ba County. The students received the awards at the 2003 BellSou Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held in Mabry Memorial Cafe ria on the Decatur campus. The recipients are shown with bank re resentatives Bob Posey (left) and Guy Nowell following the prese tation. (EC Photo)

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Receives Covington Scholarship To Attend ECCC

Crystal Nicole Hunter (left), a 2003 graduate of Noxapater High School, is this years recipient of The W. R. Covington Scholarship to attend East Central Community College. Dr. Eddie M. Smith, who served as ECCC President from 1985 to 2000, established the scholarship in 1985 in recognition of the support and assistance Mr. Covington provided him and other students to attend college. Both are Noxapater natives. Hunter received the award at the 2003 BellSouth Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. She is shown with Lanette Hanna, ECCC academic counselor/student recruiter, following the presentation.

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Marley Smith (center), a 2003 graduate of Union High School, is this year's recipient of The Thomas Rudolph Mayes Memorial Scholarship to attend East Central Community College. Smith received the award at the 2003 BellSouth Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. She is shown with Mr. Mayes' daughter, Jackie Mayes Etie and her husband, Sid Etie, following the presentation.

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Tina Morgan (third from left) and Jessica Sheehan (fourth from left), both 2003 graduates of Newton County High School, are this year's recipients of The La-Z-Boy Scholarships to attend East Central Community College. Established in 1995, the scholarships are awarded annually to two students, with preference given to students from Newton County. Pictured with the scholarship recipients are La-Z-Boy officials Tony Smith (far left), assistant human resources manager, and Dan Breeding, general manager, and Jessica Sheehan's parents, Jackie and Ricky Sheehan. The scholarships were presented at the 2003 BellSouth Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus.

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Kristen Chaney (left), a 2003 graduate of Newton County High School, is this year's recipient of The W. Clayton Blount Scholarship to attend East Central Community College. She is shown with Jake Yarborough, ECCC head baseball coach/ student recruiter following the presentation.

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Receives Lowe Scholarship to attend ECCC

Tammy Faulkner (center) of Morton is this year's recipient of The Edwin and Marie Lowe Scholarship provided at East Central Community College. The scholarship, established in 2002, honors the life and work of Mr. Lowe, a Louisville native, and Mrs. Lowe, a native of Helena, Ark., who worked in the newspaper business during much of their careers. Mrs. Lowe also served as a school librarian. Faulkner, a returning sophomore at ECCC, received the award at the 2003 BellSouth Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. The scholarship recipient is pictured with her mother, Syble Faulkner (left) of Morton and Mary Hanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowe, following the presentation. Hanson is Director of the Learning Skills Center/Distance Learning at ECCC. (EC Photo)

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Scholar rewarded

Receives Hudspeth scholarship to attend ECCC

Stephanie Blackenship (left), a 2003 graduate of Noxapater High School, is this years recipient of The Hudspeth Scholarship to attend East Central Community College. Blackenship is shown with Henry B. Bubba Hudspeth and his wife, Faye, who established the scholarship in 1998. Mr. Hudspeth is a former chairman and longtime member of the ECCC Board of Trustees. The presentation was made at the 2003 BellSouth Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

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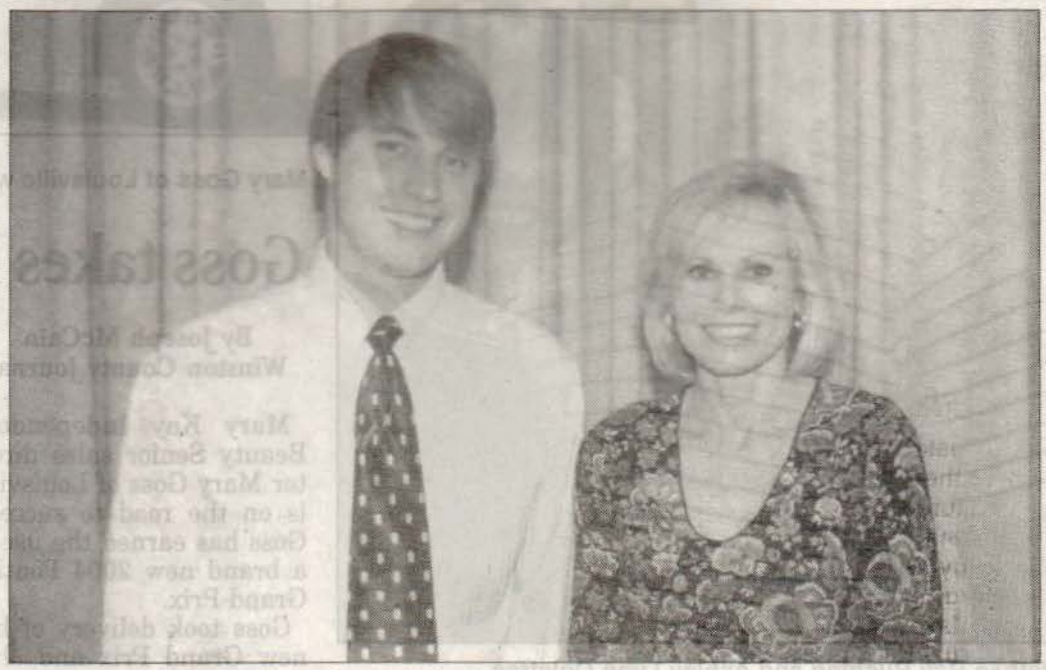
Scholarship winner



Receives Eubanks Scholarship At ECCC

Adam McAdory of Louisville is this years recipient of The Leon Eubanks KALJCY-PEERS Scholarship at East Central Community College. Mr. Eubanks established the scholarship in 1994 in honor of the ECCC organization he sponsored while serving as a faculty member from 1934 to 1943. The scholarship is presented to the incoming student body president at the College. McAdory, a 2001 graduate of Louisville High School, received the award at the 2003 BellSouth Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. He is shown with Lanette Hanna, ECCC academic counselor/student recruiter, following the presentation.

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Receives ATCO Loan Scholarship to attend ECCC

Latiska Townsend (left) of Lena is this year's recipient of The ATCO Loan Scholarship to attend East Central Community College, which is presented annually to a graduate of South Leake High School. Townsend is shown with James McRae of ATCO Loan in Carthage, which established the scholarship in 1995. The presentation was made at the 2003 BellSouth Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. (EC Photo)

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Alumni Association scholarships

These students are among recipients of the first East Central Community College Alumni Association Scholarships, which are provided from proceeds from the first annual Warrior Golf Classic held at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club in Choctaw. The 2002 event netted $7,000 for area students to attend ECCC. From left are 2003 graduates Amber King of Neshoba Central, Donald Justin Ingram of Carthage and Alex Fisher of Sebastopol, who are pictured with ECCC Alumni Association president Steve Quinn of Louisville. The awards were presented at the 2003 BellSouth Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. Also receiving scholarships but not pictured are Pat Burke of Newton County High School and Ryan Hudson of Louisville.

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Attend ECCC 'Senior Day'

These students from Choctaw Central High School were among participants in the recent "Senior Day" activities held at East Central Community College in Decatur. From left are Wendy Ben, Marsha Allen, Angelo Bell, Antonio Garcia, Joe Bell and Gabriel "Butch" Billie. They were among the over 960 seniors representing high schools in Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston counties attending this year's event. Activities provided for the special visitors included information sessions, campus tours and a picnic on the mall. The Ac'cents, jazz band and the Collegians furnished entertainment. For more information contact Student Services, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 213.

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Vance Attends ECCC Orientation ~ Ginger Vance (right), a 2003 graduate of Newton County High School, recently attended Honors Orientation at East Central Community College in Decatur and is shown preparing her fall class schedule with the assistance of ECCC psychology instructor Frances Graham. During orientation, students learn about the various academic, social and personal opportunities available at the College. Additional orientation sessions are scheduled for Saturday, June 21; Thursday, July 10; Wednesday, July 23; and Friday, August 15. For more information, contact the Office of Student Services, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 601-635-2111, ext. 205, or toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 205. (EC Photo)

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ECCC's Washington Inks With Bevill State

Adrian Washington (center), who recently completed her freshman year as a member of the East Central Community College women's basketball team, has signed a national letter of intent to continue her athletic career at Bevill State Community College in Fayette, Ala. Washington, a 5-foot-11 forward and former standout at Carrollton (Ala.) High School, is shown during a recent signing ceremony with her mother, LaBerta Washington, left, and Nicole Carruth, Bevill State women's head basketball coach. ECCC photo.

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Warner receives Wilson Memorial Scholarship To ECCC
Amy Warner (left) of Louisville is this years recipient of The General William Patrick Wilson Memorial Scholarship to attend East Central Community College. Members of the ECCC Class of 1936 established the scholarship in honor of General Pat Wilson, a former coach, dorm supervisor and teacher at ECCC who was also a general in the Mississippi National Guard. Warner, a returning sophomore at ECCC and 2002 graduate of Winston Academy, received the award at the 2003 BellSouth Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. She is pictured with Lanette Hanna, ECCC academic counselor/student recruiter, following the presentation.

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White receives ECCC Board of Trustees Scholarship

Shamra White (left), a 2003 graduate of Nanih Waiya High School, is this years recipient of The East Central Community College Board of Trustees Scholarship provided at the College. Board members established the scholarship in 1999 to honor a district student on a rotating basis among the five support counties Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston. White received the award at the 2003 BellSouth Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. She is pictured with Jack Winstead of Lawrence, Board of Trustees vice chairman, following the presentation.

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Mayo receives ECCC scholarship

Amy Mayo, a 2003 graduate of Louisville High School, is this years recipient of The J. C. White Scholarship to attend East Central Community College.

Mayo

Established in the summer of 2000 by family and friends, the scholarship honors the Kemper County native for his lifelong support of ECCC. He was a member of the ECCC Class of 1937. Mayo received the award at the 2003 BellSouth Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus.

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WEEK OF June 30

EC Orientation sessions July 10, 23 and Aug. 15

Niki Torrence, a 2003 graduate of Morton High School, recently attended Honors Orientation at East Central Community College and is shown preparing her fall class schedule with the assistance of ECCC chemistry instructor/ assistant football coach Tommy Clopton. During orientation, students learn about the various academic, social and personal opportunities available at the College. Additional orientation sessions are scheduled for Saturday, June 21; Thursday, July 10; Wednesday, July 23; and Friday, August 15. For more information, contact the Office of Student Services, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 601-635-2111, ext. 205, or toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 205. (EC Photo)

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ECCC's Whitfield Named All-State

Faith Whitfield, left, of Louisville, a two-year standout on the East Central Community College fast-pitch softball team, was named first-team All-State following the 2003 campaign. She is shown receiving the award from Terry Underwood, ECCC athletic director. Whitfield, a shortstop, also received the Lady Diamond Warriors' best defensive player award. She was also one of the team's leading hitters. Whitfield is the daughter of Kenneth and Janice Whitfield of Louisville. (ECCC photo)

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Named To ECCC Hall of Fame

st Central Community College cently observed its annual "Awards Day" program, where numerous students were honored, including six who were inducted into the College's Hall of Fame, the highest honor a student can achieve at ECCC.

To be considered for this honor, recipients "must demonstrate exemplary character, superior scholarship, worthy leadership and contribute to the betterment of East Central Community College," according to Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, College president.

Those selected for the prestigious honor for 2002-2003 include Sarah Allard of Union, David Burt of Newton, Jaclyn Evans of Bay Springs, Jimmy Hall of Lena, April McAdory of Philadelphia and Vickie Powe of Philadelphia.

Allard is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college; Mu Alpha Theta mathematics honor society and Americorps. She is also a service learning participant.

Allard is a President's List and Dean's List scholar.

Those nominating Allard wrote, "She is a very mature, observant, thoughtful, and sensitive individual. Her greatest asset is her sincere desire to help others. She not only excels in academic assignments, she also shows outstanding leadership skills within the classroom."

A graduate of Union High School, Allard is the daughter of Barry and Jill Richardson of Union.

Burt is a member Phi Theta Kappa, Mu Alpha Theta and the President's Council. He serves as president of the Warrior Corps, president of the Student Body Association and vice president of the editorial staff of the Tom Tom. He was selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges and was selected Theta Kappa All-Mississippi Academic Second Team and was nominated for the organization's Order of the Golden Key Award.

He serves as vice president of the Student Body Association and editor of The Tom Tom campus newspaper. He received the Margaret Mosal Award for Leadership and was selected for Who's Who Among American Community and Junior College Students.

In addition, he is a member of Warrior Corps, President's Council, Mu Alpha Theta, the Environmental Club, the Wo-He-Lo yearbook staff, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau and Students Against Destructive Decisions.

Those nominating Hall wrote, "He is an exceptional student who has actively participated in extracurricular activities and maintained an excellent academic record. He is very conscientious and self-motivated. He is very intelligent and committed to reaching his goals in life."

A graduate of Leake Academy, he is the son of Johnny and Kathy Hall of Lena.

McAdory serves as president of the Student Body Association, president of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau and president of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

She is a member of Warrior Corps, Mu Alpha Theta, the Warrior Wall O' Sound Marching Band, Collegians, Baptist Student Union, Diamond Girls and Students Against Destructive Decisions.

A President's List scholar, McAdory received the Leon Eubanks Eagle Scout Leadership Award, the Frank W. Cross Freshman Chemistry award, the Sam E. Boykin Phi Theta Kappa award and the Leake County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship.

Those selected for the prestigious honor for 2002-2003 included Sarah Allard of Union, David Burt of Newton, Jaclyn Evans of Bay Springs, Jimmy Hall of Lena, April McAdory of Philadelphia and Vickie Powe of Philadelphia pictured above.

were presented as well as a number of awards for extracurricular activities.

Vocational award recipients included Kenny Gunnison of Marion, computer technology; Robert Berry of Lena, welding; Jason Burns of Philadelphia, electronics; and Tommy Brown of Union, secondary education award; Adam Franklin Marion of Philadelphia, S. Lebron Blair of Brandon, Jay V. Conner of Louisville, Nicole R. Brown of Union, Brandy A. Berry of Newton, [illegible]

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During Awards Day

Edwin Miller Medical Services; Kevin Bobbitt of Lake, Howard Sessums Men's Basketball; and Pete McBride of Forest, Andrew F. Webb Football.

Faculty Memorial Awards were presented to Elizabeth Johnson of Philadelphia, J. Wallace Bedwell Business; Joseph Charlton of Little Rock, Frank M. Cross Freshman Chemistry; Emily Mayes of Decatur, Robert G. Fick Memorial; Ashley Fleming of Philadelphia, Frank Edwin and Nena Holt Leatherwood Biology Science; Luke McNair of Hickory, J. Andy Miller Freshman Engineering; Michelle Alawine of Union, O.L. Newell Drafting; Pinkey Gordon of Carthage, Charles E. Pennington Business Technology; Amy Warner of Louisville, General William Patrick Wilson General Academic Award; Adam McAdory of Louisville, Leon Eubanks Kaljyc-Peers; Courtney Puckett of Louisville, Ruth Hull Wo-He-Lo; Shelley Brake of Florence, L.B. Simmons History; and Blair Anderson of Decatur, Thomas W. Thrash Scholarship.

Various students also received transfer scholarships to colleges and universities.

Jimmy Hall of Lena is the 2003 recipient of a community college transfer scholarship to the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.

April McAdory of Philadelphia received one of only 10 Leadership Scholarships presented statewide by the University of Mississippi this year.

Josh Jenkins of Carthage, a sophomore member of the ECCC Scholars Bowl team, also received a scholarship to the University of Mississippi in recognition of his outstanding performance during the Kent Wooten [illegible] competition held at Ole Miss.

The University of Mississippi also provided transfer scholarships to Megan Logan of Newton and Christen Herrington of Carthage.

Students receiving scholarships to the University of Southern Mississippi include Terance Anderson of Preston, football manager scholarship; Eric Gunn of Forest, Phi Theta Kappa Achievement Award; and Maranda Burks of Philadelphia, Ashley Jones of Newton, Kimberly Stone of Carthage and Sarah Allard of Union who received leadership scholarships. Allard also received a scholarship to attend the University of Southern Mississippi, named in honor of Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president.

Mississippi State University transfer scholarship recipients include Jonathan Bates and Gregory Butler, both of Morton; Emma Chisolm, Leslie Vance and Terrisa Myrick, all of Union; Andrew Cooley of Chunky; James Cowart of Star; Chris Davis of Louisville; Cathy Deason, Mary Margaret Irons, Elizabeth Johnson, Kevin Langley and Carrie Shrock, all of Philadelphia; Jaclyn Evans of Bay Springs; Jennifer Gibson, Lance Hall, Colin Smith and Adam Wall, all of Forest; Ricky Graves of Lena; Doralyn Grimes, Jenifer Lee and John Petty, all of Carthage; Jessica Nester of Lake; Stephan Sykes of Lawrence; and Kerry Gilmer of Little Rock.

Additional transfer scholarship recipients include David Burt of Newton and Nathan Stamper of Decatur, Hannibal-LaGrange College in Hannibal, Missouri; Christy Fedrick and Vickie Powe, both of Philadelphia; April Jones of Forest and Amy Rawson of Carthage, Mississippi College; Stacie Phillipson, Belhaven College in Jackson; Amanda Thompson of Louisville, Mississippi University for Women in Columbus; and Brady Perkins of Carthage, University of West Alabama.

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a National Dean's List scholar.

Those nominating Burt wrote, "He is the epitome of a good citizen. He is outstanding both academically and morally. He has served as a model of integrity and character and has always represented East Central in an exemplary manner. He is a student that exemplifies the qualities that a member of the hall of fame should possess: strong Christian values, high morals, and strong leadership skills."

A graduate of Newton County Academy, he is the son of Bryan and Mary Burt of Newton.

Evans is a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Warrior Corps, Baptist Student Union, the EC Environmental Club, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Presidents Council and the Scholar's Bowl team.

She serves as president of Mu Alpha Theta and vice president of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau medical club.

Evans was selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges and was recognized as a President's List and Dean's List Scholar. She received the freshman mathematics award and a Coca-Cola Community College scholarship.

Those nominating her wrote, "She is a simply terrific person who has maintained a high grade point average while being involved in many campus activities. She is a very reliable and responsible person who always has a smile on her face and is always willing to help someone."

A graduate of Sylva Bay Academy, [illegible]ans is the daughter of Jeff and [illegible]nda Evans of Bay Springs.

[illegible] is a member of Phi Theta [illegible] and serves as president of the [illegible]ppi/Louisiana Region. In [illegible] he was named to the Phi

Those nominating McAdory wrote, "She is a student with great leadership qualities who is extremely hard-working and dependable. She is self-disciplined and has demonstrated high levels of achievement in both curricular and non-curricular activities."

A graduate of Neshoba Central High School, she is the daughter of Jon and Mary Ann McAdory of Philadelphia.

Powe serves as treasurer of the sophomore class, treasurer of the EC Environmental Club and treasurer of Students Against Destructive Decisions.

She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, President's Council, Warrior Corps, Student Education Association, Mu Alpha Theta, The Tom Tom newspaper staff and the Scholar's Bowl team. In addition, she serves as a tutor in the Learning Skills Center.

A President's List Scholar, Powe was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Community and Junior Colleges.

Those nominating her wrote, "She is a leader and exemplary student. She is an inspiration to her fellow students and will be greatly missed when she leaves East Central. She has a wonderful attitude and puts a smile on your face when she walks in the room. She is an outstanding young woman that possesses the qualities required to be selected to the Hall of Fame."

A graduate of Leake Academy, she is the daughter of Weida Powe of Philadelphia and the late Ed Powe.

Photographs of these students will hang in the Hall of Fame collection in the lobby of Huff Auditorium.

ADDITIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

In addition to the Hall of Fame honorees, various academic honors

Patricia Phillips of Union, "Vocational Student of the Year."

Recipients of technical awards were Christopher Gordon of Union, collision repair; Curtis Brown of Stonewall, automotive technology; Latahua Sledge of Philadelphia, child development; Ethel DuBose of Shubuta, computer technology; Matthew Smith of Morton, electrical technology; Ryan McCann of Philadelphia, electronics; Bridget Worthy of Louisville, gerontology; Thomas Hitt of Little Rock, heating and air conditioning; Eddie Alexander of Little Rock, first year machine shop; Vontreal Hunt of Louisville, second year machine shop; Eli Fulton of Little Rock, computer network support; Tara Moore of Little Rock, surgical technology; and Eric Gunn of Forest, "Technical Student of the Year."

Special awards were presented to Nathan Stamper of Decatur, citizenship award; Betty Janette Robinson of Carthage, ECCC Players; Natalie Duncan of Lake and Adam McAdory of Louisville, ECCC Singers; Sharon Gaddis of Carthage and Terance Anderson of Preston, ECCC Gospel Choir; Elizabeth Harrell of Carthage, EC Environmental Club; Timothy Fieber of Philadelphia, Richard Fisher Organic Chemistry; Coco Graham of Philadelphia, Philadelphia-Neshoba County Arts Council Scholarship; Glenda Brown of Union, Ruth Carr-Vincent Award for Academic Excellence in Nontraditional Education; Steven McGee of Lawrence, Kappa Kappa Iota Scholarship; Joseph Charlton of Little Rock, Timothy Fieber of Philadelphia, Luke McNair of Hickory and Eric Townsend of Forest, freshman mathematics awards; Stephan Sykes of Lawrence and Adam Joseph Wall of Forest, sophomore mathematics awards; Glenda

award; Jennifer Carson of [illegible] Alyne Simmons Recruitment [illegible] Luke McNair of Hickory, [illegible] Beth Wedgeworth of [illegible] Outstanding Associate [illegible] Outstanding Achievement; and [illegible] Burt of Newton, Walter Arn[illegible] Award for Academic Exc[illegible] Athletics.

Alumni Memorial Award [illegible] included Tyler Rodgers of Lou[illegible] Billy Wayne Baucum [illegible] Education; Mary Margaret [illegible] Philadelphia, Opal [illegible] Dickerson Elementary [illegible] Grayson England of Philad[illegible] Alatha Chaney English [illegible] Stephan Sykes of Lawrence [illegible] Coursey, Jr. Engineering; [illegible] Chamblee of Carthage [illegible] Yarbrough Fulgham Speech; [illegible] Massey of Louisville, Wil[illegible] Giffin Men's Intramural; [illegible] Foreman of Little Rock and [illegible] Morgan of Lake, Homer F. [illegible] Award for Athletic Managers; [illegible] Joseph Wall of Forest, Dan[illegible] Killens Engineering; Jimmy [illegible] Lena and Lance Hall of Forest; [illegible] B. Mayo Phi Theta Kappa a[illegible] Timothy Fieber of Phihladelph[illegible]

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RECEIVE ECCC ALUMNI MEMORIAL AWARDS

These East Central Community College students received Alumni Memorial Awards during the College's annual Awards Day program held in Huff Auditorium on the Dec campus. Honorees include (seated, from left) Tyler Rodgers of Louisville, Billy Wayne Baucum Secondary Education; Mary Margaret Irons of Philadelphia, Opal McMu Dickerson Elementary Education; Grayson England of Philadelphia, Alatha Chaney English Award; Stephan Sykes of Lawrence, W.A. Coursey, Jr. Engineer; Andrew Mas of Louisville, William S. Giffin Men's Intramural; and Charlene Foreman of Little Rock, Homer F. Hunter Award for Athletic Managers; and (standing, from left) Adam Jos Wall of Forest, Danny Ray Killens Engineering; Jimmy Hall of Lena and Lance Hall of Forest, Jack B. Mayo Phi Theta Kappa awards; Timothy Fieber of Philadelphia, Dr. Ed Miller Medical Services; Pete McBride of Forest, Andrew F. Webb Football; and Lisa Chamblee of Carthage, Sue Yarbrough Fulgham Speech. Not pictured are Tim Morga Lake, Homer F. Hunter Award for Athletic Managers, and Kevin Bobbitt of Lake, Howard Sessums Men's Basketball.

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RECEIVE TECHNICAL AWARDS AT ECCC

These East Central Community College students received technical honors during the College's annual Awards Day program held in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Honorees include (seated, from left) Christopher Gordon of Union, collision repair; Latahua Sledge of Philadephia, child development technology; Ethel DuBose of Shubuta, computer technology; Matthew Smith of Morton, electrical technology; Ryan McCann of Philadelphia, electronics; and Bridget Worthy of Louisville, gerontology; and (standing, from left) Thomas Hitt of Little Rock, heating and air conditioning technology; Eddie Alexander of Little Rock, first-year machine shop technology; Vontreal Hunt of Louisville, second-year machine shop technology; Eli Fulton of Little Rock, computer network support technology; Tara Moore of Little Rock, surgical technology; and Eric Gunn of Forest, "Technical Student of the Year." Not picutred is Curtis Brown of Stonewall, automotive technology.

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WINS NATIONAL HONOR - Judd Easom, Newton, sophomore at East Central Community College, displays a certificate and medals he won after placing third in the major appliance repair competition at the National Skills USA and VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) Contest held this summer in Kansas City, Missouri. Easom qualified for the national competition after winning first-place honors in the state contest. The Newton County Academy graduate is the son of John Easom of Hickory and Connie Harris of Conehatta. (EC Photo)

NHS Class of 1991 Reunion Oct. 27

The Newton High School Class of 1991 will have it's tenth year class reunion October 27th. Anyone who plans to attend should contact David Pitts at 683-0343 days; 683-7450 at night or contact Tarsha Henderson via Email: tarshah11@hotmail.com

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2003 ECCC Homecoming Court

Above are members of the East Central Community College Homecoming Court, who were presented during halftime ceremonies of the Warriors' 42-19 win over Copiah-Lincoln Community College October 4 on the Decatur campus. Seated from left are freshman maids Natalie Cole of Meridian, Amy Ealy of Forest, Lacey Brantley of Carthage and Courtney Yates of Louisville; Queen Renee Thompson of Pelahatchie; Maid of Honor Latashia Tatum of Newton; and sophomore maids Brandi Brown of Pelahatchie, Brittany Harris of Louisville and Dian Walters of Philadelphia. Standing from left are escorts Quincy Patrick of Meridian, Todd Body of Forest, Kevin Hatch of Carthage, Jamaal Martin of Meridian, Jeremy Tune of Newton, Fred Denson of Morton; Drew Kenna of Forest, Brandon Walker of Louisville and Steven Davis of Rosehill. (EC Photo)

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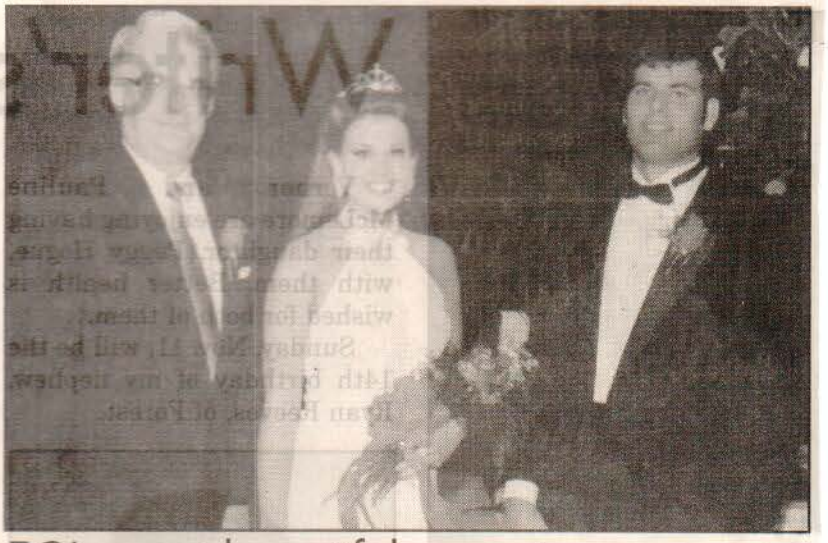

EC's most beautiful

Gabrielle Warren (center) of Leake Academy was recently crowned most beautiful in the annual East Central Community College Beauty Pageant. Most handsome Brian Lillis (right) of Neshoba Central was chosen by a vote of the student body. Warren is the daughter of Tommy and Sue Warren of Forest. Lillis is the son of Keith and Marsha Lillis of Philadelphia. Crowning most beautiful was College president Dr. Phil Sutphin (left).

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Jones receives Burton Scholarship

Marjay Jones of Philadelphia was presented the Myrtle Raye Burton Gerontology Scholarship recently established at East Central Community College in Decatur. Jones, a freshman gerontology major and Meridian High School graduate, received the $1,000 award from a contribution provided for the 2003-04 school year by the Board of Directors of Heart and Hand, Inc., in Brandon. The scholarship honors Mrs. Burton, a Newton resident, for her 28 years of service and dedication to the elderly citizens of east central Mississippi and the entire state during her employment as aging director with the East Central Planning and Development District. Mrs. Burton, who is currently receiving treatment for cancer, is also a former member of the ECCC Board of Trustees. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Dec 1

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

ECCC SOPHOMORE OFFICERS: These sophomores at East Central Community College in Decatur serve as class officers for the 2003-04 term. From left are Jennifer Carson, president, and Krissi Harris, vice president, both graduates of Newton County High School; Ashley Brown, secretary, of Philadelphia; and Morgan Harris, treasurer, of Winston Academy.

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ECCC Freshman Officers ~ Serving as freshman class officers at East Central Community College for the 2003-04 term are (from left) Jessica Holmes, president, of Louisville; Kristen Taylor, vice president, a product of Newton County High School; Amy Ealy, secretary, of Forest; and Courtney Jo Hollingsworth, treasurer, a graduate of Scott Central High School. (EC Photo)

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These cheerleaders at East Central Community College received honors at the annual Fall Sports Banquet held on the Decatur campus. From left are Ashley Buckman of Heidelberg Academy, captain award and letter jacket recipient; Renee Thompson of East Rankin Academy, letter jacket recipient; Jennifer Kersh of Enterprise, dance captain award and letter jacket recipient; Erin Yelverton of Newton County High School, academic award; and Audra Myers of Louisville, cheer captain award and letter jacket recipient. Letter jackets are presented to sophomore squad members. Cheerleader sponsor Carrie Underwood presented the awards.

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Patrick Burke (center) of Little Rock, a freshman at East Central Community College, recently received a $1,500 scholarship from the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Mississippi Transportation Commission. Commission Chairman Dick Hall (left) made the presentation during a ceremony on the Decatur campus. Also pictured is ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin

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Neshoba County students selected for Who's Who at ECCC

These East Central Community College students from Neshoba County were recently selected for inclusion in the 2003 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Students are selected for the prestigious honor based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. These sophomores join an elite group of students from more than 1400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Pictured are (front row, from left) Ashley Brown, Dian Walters and Elyse Willis, all of Philadelphia; and Holly Pierce of Union; and (back row, from left) Megan Stovall and Ashley Fleming, both of Philadelphia; Robin Page of Union and Barry Nowell of Philadelphia. Not pictured are Mandy Eakes of Philadelphia and Miranda Rosar of Union. (EC Photo)

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Receive ECCC Cheerleader Awards ~ These cheerleaders at East Central Community College received honors at the annual Fall Sports Banquet held on the Decatur campus. From left are Ashley Buckman of Heidelberg Academy, captain award and letter jacket recipient; Renee Thompson of East Rankin Academy, letter jacket recipient; Jennifer Kersh of Enterprise, dance captain award and letter jacket recipient; Erin Yelverton of Newton County High School, academic award; and Audra Myers of Louisville, cheer captain award and letter jacket recipient. Cheerleader sponsor Carrie Underwood presented the awards. (EC Photo)

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Who's who

Newton County Students Selected for Who's Who at ECCC : These East Central Community College students from Newton County were recently selected for inclusion in the 2003 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. Students are selected for the prestigious honor based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. These sophomores join an elite group of students from more than 1400 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Pictured are (front row, from left) Blair Anderson, Kery McDill, Casey Young and Mary Lois Thomas, all of Decatur; and Kristin Hedrick of Conehatta; and (back row, from left) Eddie Alexander of Little Rock, Allen Davis and Jennifer Carson, both of Decatur; Luke McNair of Hickory and Dan Henry of Newton. Not pictured are Jamie Blackburn, Krissi Harris, Emily Mayes and Shelley Wright, all of Decatur; Austin Griffin, Johnny Jones and Kristen Rice, all of Newton; Jeremy Hamm of Union and Dustan Todd of Chunky. (EC Photo)

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2003 ECCC ADN Graduates ~ East Central Community College in Decatur recently held a pinning ceremony for graduates of the College's Associate Degree Nursing program. Members of the class of 2003 include (front row, from left) Martha McWhorter of Conehatta, Felisa Burnside of Philadelphia, Michelle Beal of Newton and Jenni Sims of Carthage; (second row, from left) Tammy Goodman of Lena, Lu Ann Gould of Morton, Scarlet Price of Philadelphia and Terri Phillips of Walnut Grove; (third row, from left) Alesha Kyzar of Lena, Brandi Brewer of Philadelphia, Krystin Cahoon of Forest, Kristy Gillis of Louisville and Heather Cater of Decatur; (fourth row, from left) Tasha Willis of Newton, Beth Wedgeworth of Forest, Megan Horne of Bay Springs, Narja Bryce of Forest and Krystal Griffin of Philadelphia; (fifth row, from left) Natasha Lewis of Philadelphia, Bridgette Ellis of Lawrence, Bobby Martin of Carthage and Michael Roland of Decatur; and (top row, from left) Shancey Young of Forest, Wendy Cooksey of Lake, Travis Boone of Union, Dawn Bailey of Decatur and Timothy Warren of Union. (EC Photo)

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Waltman attends ECCC orientation

Anna Waltman (left), a 2003 graduate of Neshoba Central High School, recently attended orientation activities at East Central Community College and is shown preparing her fall class schedule with the assistance of Dr. Linda Lane, foreign language instructor. During orientation, students learn about the various academic, social and personal opportunities available at the College. Additional orientation sessions are scheduled for Thursday, July 10; Wednesday, July 23; and Friday, Aug. 15. Fall classes begin Monday, August 18. For more information, contact the Office of Student Services, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 601-635-2111, ext. 205, or toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 205. (EC Photo)

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EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Krystal Williamson (left), a 2003 graduate of Newton County High School, recently attended orientation activities at East Central Community College and is shown preparing her fall class schedule with the assistance of Melanie Gilmore, Dean of Association Degree Nursing. Additional orientation sessions are scheduled for Thursday, July 10; Wednesday, July 23; and Friday, August 15. Fall classes begin Monday, August 18. For more information, contact the Office of Student Services, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Ph. 601-635-2111, ext. 205, or toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 205.

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ECCC Graduates Named NJCAA Academic All-Americans

These recent graduates of East Central Community College in Decatur have been recognized as NJCAA Academic All-Americans for the 2002-03 College term. Recipients of the prestigious honor must have completed three semesters of coursework and participated in at least one season of varsity sports. Students who earn a 3.8 grade point average or above qualify as Distinguished Academic AllAmericans and those with at least a 3.6 GPA are named Academic All-Americans. Honorees and their respective sports area are (from left) Kyle Miller (soccer) of Preston, David Burt (golf) of Newton, and Nikki Tullos (tennis), Jennifer Walker (tennis) and Timothy Fieber (tennis), all of Philadelphia. Burt and Fieber were named on the Distinguished list. The outstanding group will be featured in JUCO Review, the official NJCAA publication. (EC Photo)

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Boswell receives scholarship to ECCC

Jessica Boswell (center), a 2003 graduate of Union High School, is this year's recipient of The Kinoth and Ella Mae Thornton and Emerson Electric Scholarship to attend East Central Community College. Mr. and Mrs. Thornton and Emerson Electric established the scholarship in 1991 as a tribute to ECCC "for its many positive contributions to the Thornton's lives." She is pictured with Mr. and Mrs. Thornton following the presentation.

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Receives Clayton Blount Scholarship To Attend ECCC ~ Kristen Chaney (left), a 2003 graduate of Newton County High School, is this year's recipient of The W. Clayton Blount Scholarship to attend East Central Community College. The scholarship honors the former ECCC coach/administrator/teacher who served the College from 1953 to 1970. His former players established the scholarship in 1995.

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WEEK OF July 14

Featured Neshoba County Fair Performers

DECATUR--The Collegians of East Central Community College will again be featured entertainers during "ECCC Day" activities scheduled Monday, July 28 at the Neshoba County Fair. The popular musicians, who recently performed at Busch Gardens in Tampa, Florida, will be in concert at 1 p.m. at the Founder's Square pavilion, and again at 6:45 p.m. at the racetrack, prior to this Miss Neshoba County Pageant. This year's performance marks the 20th anniversary of Collegian concerts at the Neshoba County Fair. The ECCC cheerleaders and Centralettes will also perform during the 1 p.m. program. Group members include (first row, from left) Andy Polizzi of Meridian, Bryan Whitley of Philadelphia, Lucas Quinn of Union, Lucas Pope and Joseph Bozeman, both of Neshoba Central; and Ryan Cooper of Newton County; (second row, from left) Amanda Thompson of Louisville, April McAdory of Neshoba Central, Jennifer Carson of Newton County, Natalie Tanksley of Sebastopol, April Ellis of Edinburg, Emily Mayes of Newton County and Chris Moody of Nanih Waiya; and (third row, from left) David Waiters of Philadelphia, Adam McAdory of Louisville, Damien Wash and Chris Carson, both of Newton County; Johnny Jones II of Newton and Grant Morris of Neshoba Central. The Collegians are under the direction of Thomas W. Carson who is also a member of the group. (EC Photo)

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Recipient of PriorityOne Bank scholarship

Tyneisha McDonald, a 2003 graduate of Morton High School, was the recipient of a scholarship from PriorityOne Bank of Morton. She was presented the scholarship by Fred Johnson, PriorityOne Branch Manager. Tyneisha will attend East Central Community College this fall.

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HANNAH SCHOLARSHIP

Brandy Patterson (left), a 2003 graduate of Morton High School, is this year's recipient of The R. O. and Bertha Hannah Scholarship to attend East Central Community College. The Hannah's four sons - Tom, Robert, Ray and Ted - established the scholarship in 1991 in honor of the Scott County couple for encouraging their children to acquire an education. All four sons are ECCC alumni. Patterson received the award at the 2003 BellSouth Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. She is shown with Christi Lee, ECCC Tech Prep Career Center Director/recruiter, following the presentation.

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LPN STUDENTS

These students in the licensed practical nursing program at East Central Community College in Decatur received various honors at the National HOSA Conference. Seated from left are Rebekah Alawine of Pelahatchie, eighth place, Prepared Speaking; Tara Long of Philadelphia, eighth place, Medical Spelling; and Sharon Taylor of Union, second place, National Healthcare Issues Exam and fourth place, Nutrition Knowledge Test. Standing from left are Lucy Hughes of Forest, Billie McCune of Union, Debbie McInnish of Carthage and Natalie Chapman of Stonewall, who finished second in the Health Education category. Kathy Buckman and Lori Luke serve as LPN instructors.

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MC TRANSFER

These East Central Community College sophomores received transfer scholarships to Mississippi College in Clinton. Scholarships were presented during the annual ECCC Awards Day program held Thursday, May 1, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (from left) Christy Fedrick of Philadephia, April Jones of Forest and Vickie Powe of Philadelphia.

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Receive USM Transfer Scholarships

These East Central Community College sophomores received transfer scholarships to the University of Southern Mississippi.

Scholarships were presented during the annual ECCC Awards Day program held Thursday, May 1, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus.

Pictured are (from left) Eric Gunn of Forest, Maranda Burks of Philadelphia, Sarah Allard of Union and Ashley Jones of Newton. Allard also received the Dr. Phil A. Sutphin President's Scholarship to attend USM. Not pictured are Terance Anderson of Preston, who received a football manager's scholarship, and Kimberly Stone of Carthage, who received a leadership scholarship.

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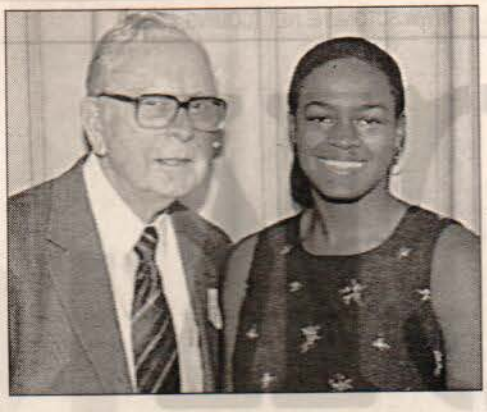

Ealy receives ECCC's Gilmore Scholarship during benefit

Amy Ealy, right, a 2003 graduate of Forest High School, is this year's recipient of The Gilmore Scholarship to attend East Central Community College.

The award recipient is pictured with Hubert Gilmore who — along with his wife, Gladys — endowed the scholarship in 2000 to benefit students who agree to tutor ECCC students who need academic assistance.

The presentation was made at the 2003 BellSouth Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus.

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Among graduates of the Class of 2003 were these nontraditional students (from left) Jerry Hamm, 59, of Lake; Terrance Williamson, 22, of Conehatta; Tammy Goodman, 35, of Lena; Sandra Cobb Cooper, 45, of Louisville; and Kurt Stockstill, 38, of Neshoba.

TRY COLLEGE FREE

If you are an adult wanting to improve your life with a college education, then call East Central Community College for information about day and evening classes offered this fall. Adult students who qualify can take their first college course free of charge.

For more information, contact Gene Davis, Dean of Adult and Continuing Education (ext. 278 or 279).

- Day Classes begin Monday, August 18
- Evening Classes begin the week of August 18
- Last Day to Register for Classes is Friday, August 29

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GED grads

Opportunities for success await these graduates who ecently received their high school equivalency diplomas luring the seventh annual East Central Community College GED (General Education Development) Graduation Ceremony held on the Decatur campus. Jimmy Dempsey, chief GED examiner and retired vocaional-technical counselor at the College, served as guest peaker. Several members of the Class of 2003--Nicole Odom of Forest, J.J. Graham of Decatur, Frances Watkins f Conehatta and Gloria Wylie of Louisville--provided tesimonials regarding their achievement. Member of the GED Class of 2003 are (first row, from left) Kathyn Barnes, Carthage; Amanda Belk, Union; Alfonso Brimlett, Decatur; Ashley Clark, Union; James Creel, Pulaski; Patricia Day, Philadelphia; Crystal Frazier, Conehatta; and Eddie Lee Epting, Mortin; (second row, from left) Brian Hall, Newton; Catherine Harrell, Louisville; Sarah Hickox and J.J. Jones, Morton; (third row, from left) Stephanie Longmire, Decatur; Bettina Lovell, Walnut Grove; Regina McMurry, Carthage; Mary Merritt, Decatur; Valerie Nowell, Philadelphia; and Clarissa Parker, Union; (fourth row, from left) Giles Perry, Louisville; Nicole Odom, Forest; Jamie Pope, Philadelphia; Elizabeth Prewitt, Louisville; Bobbie Nell Sanders, Forest; and Alisha Steve and Elizabeth Storey, both of Philadelphia; and (fifth row, from left) Brandy Swindle, Noxapater; Amanda Tolbert, Louisville; Frances Watkins, Conehatta; Gloria Wylie, Louisville; Alisha Lewis, Forest; and Nita Thompson, Pelahatchie. For information regarding the College's GED Program, contact the Office of Adult and Continuing Education, East Central Community College, P.O. Box 129 Decatur, MS 39327, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free 1-877-462-3222, ext. 242.

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Dormitory students of East Central Community College moved into their rooms Saturday and have began their first steps of living on their own. Jarrod Street of Lake is pictured above unpacking his supplies as he prepares his room for the upcoming school year. Street will be a freshman majoring in engineering at ECCC. Street is eager for the opportunity to be out of the house on his own.

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Moving On In

College Students Prepare, Worry As Upcoming School Year Approaches

By GENNIE PHILLIPS
TIMES ASSISTANT EDITOR

Supplies are being bought, cars are being packed and goodbye hugs are being given as area students head off to college. College freshmen are experiencing this situation for the first time where with seniors this has just become a normal routine.

For freshmen the opportunity to experience college life is normally their chance to take the first big step into the rest of their lives. College is the first decision they have made, pretty much on their own (with a little guidance of course), and moving away from home is their first occasion to see what living own their own is really like.

Wilkerson

"I am worried about having to do everything on my own and not being in my 'comfort zone'," said Erica Wilkerson of Forest, an upcoming freshman at Mississippi College. "I have lived in the same house in the same town and known the same people my entire life. And now I am going to a new place with all new people, so I won't be 'comfortable' anymore."

Like Wilkerson, upcoming East Central Community College freshman Stephanie Culpepper of Forest said she also has concerns of moving out of the house and taking that first step on her own. "I am worried about having to depend on myself instead of mom and dad," Culpepper said.

For some students one of the most exciting things about going to college is moving away from home.

"I am most excited about getting away from the house," Jarrod Street of Lake, an upcoming freshman at ECCC, said. Street said he anticipates the excitement of the college life.

Marcia McMillan of Lake and roomate Stephanie Culpepper of Forest, freshmen at East Central Community College, prepare for the first day of school. They moved into their two-bedroom dormitory suite this past weekend.

College seniors have experienced this step in life and now know what to expect as their last undergraduate year approaches.

Ole Miss senior Andy Chambers of Forest said he remembers the first days of moving away to Oxford and the challenges he faced.

"Being away from home is one of the most exciting parts of college," Chambers said. "When I first went to Oxford, I was going up there by myself, and I was pretty intimidated. But now Freddy Woods lives with me and it has turned into a second home, now that some of my hometown friends are there."

Money is also been something that weighs heavy on college student's minds. For some of these freshmen this is the first taste they have gotten of spending a lot of money and for many of them their own money. Not only do freshmen have to buy starter supplies for their dorm rooms or apartments, but they also are faced for the first time with the price of books and other school supplies.

"I am most worried about money," Street said. "Paying for school and books and all that."

The price of textbooks is one of the more costly parts of attending college. Street said his books were $450. "I was expecting them to be less," Street said. "I got most of them used; that's what really surprised me."

Like Street, Culpepper and Wilkerson said they have both done shopping lately for dorm room items and other school supplies.

Culpepper said money was one of her main concerns. "I had to buy a bunch of stuff, and it was a lot of money," she said.

Not only do freshmen have worries about preparing for school, they also are faced with the challenges of the classes. College is often perceived as having large classes, harder material and tougher teachers.

"I am worried about teachers," Culpepper said. "In high school you get that one on one, after school help if you need it. I am afraid it won't happen at college."

Wilkerson also is concerned about the difficulty of her classes for her upcoming school year. "I am worried about classes at MC because they are pretty hard," Wilkerson said. "I didn't take any summer courses or anything and haven't gotten my schedule yet."

Although Culpepper and Wilkerson have anxiety about the classes they will face, Chambers said after experiencing both ECCC and Ole Miss, he is no longer worried about that.

"You always hear people talking about huge classes and things," Chambers said. "Well, even at Ole Miss, it's not any different than being at ECCC. The classes are pretty much all the same."

Even though Chambers said he wasn't concerned about the classes at Ole Miss, he did say that he wishes he had prepared more for class

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by studying more and paying better attention in class.

One of the key elements of college life is the friendships that are made with fellow students.

"I am very excited about meeting new people," Wilkerson said. "Meeting all different kinds of people and having

Chambers said. "But, having some home folk there makes a big difference as well."

Culpepper and Street said they both plan on being active in the Baptist Student Union at ECCC. Culpepper said she recently attended a camp for the guard members of the band where she enjoyed meeting new people and is looking forward to meeting more.

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RECEIVE OLE MISS TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS

These East Central Community College sophomores received transfer scholarships to the University of Mississippi. Scholarships were presented during the annual ECCC Awards Day program held May 1, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (from left) April McAdory of Philadelphia, who received one of only 10 Leadership Scholarships presented statewide by the University; Josh Jenkins of Carthage, a sohomore member of the ECCC Scholars Bowl team who received a scholarship in recognition of his outstanding performance in the Ken Wooten Scholars Bowl competition; and Jimmy Hall of Lena who received the 2003 Community College Transfer Scholarship to the University Medical Center in Jackson.

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Bobby Cole ropes a calf from atop "Roanie Bob"

Bobby Cole recently participated in the NLBRA Championship Finals held at Primrose Stadium in Colorado Springs. A graduate of East Rankin Academy, Bobby will attend East Central Community College this fall. He is the son of George and Cathy Cole, who accompanied him to Colorado for the finals.

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EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE PHOTO

THESE GRADUATES OF THE LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING program at East Central Community College were recognized at the College's annual pinning ceremony held recently in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Members of the Class of 2003 include, Jennifer Clark, Walnut Grove; Debbie McInnish, Carthage; Sharon Taylor, Union; Veronica Moore, Collinsville; Cindy Commer Mason, Louisville; Erin McDill, Conehatta; and Lucy Hughes, Forest; second row, from left, are Casey Files, Meridian; Brandi McDougle, Union; Tara Long, Philadelphia; Leslie Cleveland and Patricia Phillips, both of Union; Tammy Jordan, Philadelphia; and Dawn Cooksey, Conehatta; and third row, from left, Rebekah Alawine, Pelahatchie; Ashley Hillman, Walnut Grove; Kerri Smith, Forest; Heidi Shannon, Lena; Natalie Chapman, Stonewall; and Billie McCune, Decatur. Kathy Buckman and Lori Luke serve as LPN instructors.

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Receives Hollingsworth Scholarship To Attend ECCC

Roxana Rogers (left), a 2003 graduate of Lake High School, is this year's recipient of The Albert F. and Fannie M. Hollingsworth Scholarship to attend East Central Community College in Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth endowed the scholarship, which is presented to two entering freshmen from Lake High School.

Rogers received the award at the 2003 BellSouth Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. She is shown with Christi Lee, ECCC Tech Prep Career Center director/recruiter following the presentation.

Not pictured is Lake graduate Stephanie Griffin who is also a scholarship recipient.

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ECCC Students Receive MSU Transfer Scholarships

These East Central Community College sophomores received transfer scholarships to continue their education at Mississippi State University. The scholarships were presented during the College's annual Awards Day program held Thursday, May 1, in Huff Auditorium on the Decatur campus. Pictured are (seated, from left) Elizabeth Johnson of Philadelphia, Jaclyn Evans of Bay Springs and Mary Margaret Irons of Philadelphia; and (standing, from left) Stephan Sykes of Lawrence, Adam Joseph Wall and Lance Hall, both of Forest; and Kevin Langley of Philadelphia. Not pictured are Jonathan Bates and Gregory Butler, both of Morton; Emma Chisolm, Terrisa Myrick and Leslie Vance, all of Union; Andrew Cooley of Chunky, James Cowart of Star, Chris Davis of Louisville, Cathy Deason and Carrie Shrock, both of Philadelphia; Jennifer Gibson and Colin Smith, both of Forest; Ricky Graves of Lena, Doralyn Grimes, Jenifer Lee and John Petty, all of Carthage; Jessica Nester of Lake; and Kerry Gilmer of Little Rock.

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WEEK OF Aug 27

ECCC GED grads celebrate achievements

Special to The Record

Nicole Odom of Forest said there were times in high school when she could no longer cope with peer pressure. Her grades began to fail and she found herself in an impossible situation. Realizing that she would be classified as a freshman at the age of 17, she was ready to quit school.

Life seemed hopeless for Odom, until her grandmother (Rose Mary Montgomery) told her about the GED (General Education Development) Program offered by East Central Community College in Decatur.

For more info

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Odom enrolled in the program in August 2002, and through "a lot of hard work" she successfully completed requirements for her high school equivalency diploma in January. She officially received her diploma at ECCC's annual GED Graduation Ceremony held earlier this summer.

Odom, now 18, was among four graduates from the 31 members of the Class of 2003 who provided testimonials during the commencement exercises.

She told the packed crowd in Huff Auditorium that completing the GED is a major accomplishment in her life.

Also providing testimonials were J. J. Graham of Decatur, Frances Watkins of Conehatta and Gloria Wylie of Louisville.

Jimmy Dempsey, chief GED examiner and retired ECCC vo-tech counselor, was guest speaker.

He congratulated the graduates and briefly discussed three topics each graduate likely faces in life: adversity, opportunity and success.

"You've been enthusiastic or you would not have been here tonight. I'm also enthusiastic about your accomplishment, and wish you the best of luck as you continue your education," Dempsey said.

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WEEK OF Sept 1

Newton County Centralettes
Members of the East Central Community College Centralettes from Newton County are, front row from left, Danielle Pugh, Dana Buckley, Shelly Ferguson, Morgan Richards, (back row) Kery McDill, Mary Lois Thomas, Kristin Hedrick, and Heather Palmer. Photo by Marty Stamper.

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WEEK OF Sept 1

ECCC Students Receiving State Phi Beta Lambda Honors

These East Central Community College students who are members of Theta Chi chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, an organization for business students, won various honors at the PBL State Conference held on the Tupelo campus of Itawamba Community College. Seated from left are Jessica Brumfield of Carthage and Linda Moody of Walnut Grove, who placed first in Website Development, and Nicole Dansby of Lake, who finished second in Multimedia Presentation. Standing from left are Adrianne Black of Forest, third, Quantitative Methods; Chris Clark of Louisville, fourth, Networking Concepts; Frosty Brown of Philadelphia, third, International Business; and Ashley Ogletree of Sebastopol, who placed fourth in Finance. Ogletree was also selected to Who's Who in Phi Beta Lambda. ECCC also won first-place honors in the Local Chapter Annual Business Report, American Enterprise Project and Community Service Project. In addition, Theta Chi was one of two chapters recognized as a Gold Seal Chapter. The ECCC group was also recognized by the March of Dimes and presented a plaque for contributions made to the fundraising organization.

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WEEK OF Sept 1

ECCC's GED Graduates Ready To 'Take Off' And Begin 'New Lives'

continued from last week

Wylie, a 52-year-old cosmetologist, dropped out of high school 35 years ago to get married.

"You are probably wondering why someone with a good-paying job would go through such an ordeal (as earning the GED). When I dropped out of high school, I did not think that education was that important. But education is important, and that's the reason I went back to school to get my GED. There has always been a void in my life because I did not have a high school education, but I never had the motivation to get it until January of this year. As I mentioned earlier, I'm a cosmetologist. I got the idea that I wanted to get my license in another state. Well, I needed a GED certificate or diploma to get a license in another state. That was my motivation," she remarked.

Watkins said she received a lot of help while studying for the GED test, especially from her customers.

"While I was doing their hair, we would be solving algebra problems, working on fractions, or whatever. My goal was to complete the GED in one month, and customers and friends kept telling me I could do it and I did," she said.

She concluded her remarks urging those who do not have a high school diploma to get their GED.

"The GED Program can open doors that otherwise could not be open. You cannot change your past but you can change your future. It does not matter how old you are. I am a grandmother. So there are no excuses," she stated.

Jimmy Dempsey, chief GED examiner and retired ECCC vo-tech counselor, was guest speaker.

He congratulated the graduates and briefly discussed three topics each graduate likely faces in life: adversity, opportunity and success.

"You've overcome adversity and taken advantage of an opportunity to better yourselves through education. You achieved the goal you set, and that is to receive your GED. You are now enjoying a degree of success but let's keep going. Set your goal a little higher. And remember that enthusiasm is the most important ingredient to success. You've been enthusiastic or you would not have been here tonight, I'm also enthusiastic about your accomplishment, and wish you the best of luck as you continue your education," Dempsey said.

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Joanne Stevens

Stevens scholarship to EC to benefit a Morton student

A scholarship in memory of a longtime educator in Scott County was among items approved at the September meeting of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees.

The Joanne Stevens Scholarship Award was established in August 2003 by W. H. Stevens of Forest in memory of his wife, Mary Joanne Conyers Stevens, a former principal and teacher at Morton Elementary School. The school's first grade building is named in her honor.

Mrs. Stevens received a master's degree (Ohio) High School.

Candidates for the Joanne Stevens Scholarship Award must meet the following criteria:

(1) Be a graduate of Morton High School;

(2) Have a need for financial assistance;

(3) Have a strong desire to pursue a degree in Elementary Education (first preference); Secondary Education (second preference); or Pre-Bachelor of Science in Nursing (third preference);

(4) Enroll as a full-time student at East Central

character, have the potential for leadership and academic excellence with no incidents of misconduct, and have a good record of school attendance.

Each scholarship recipient will be selected by the student's teachers, principal and counselors at Morton High School. The award will be in the amount of $1,000 ($500 for the fall and spring semesters). Scholarship funds will be sent to ECCC and administered to the award recipient as needed each semester.

WEEK OF Sept 8

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ECCC SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY GRADUATES

East Central Community College in Decatur recently held its annual pinning ceremony recognizing graduates of the surgical technology program. Members of the Class of 2003 are, front row, from left, Kenyoda Boler, Philadelphia; Kristee Conner, Quitman; Christine Luckett, Carthage; and Tara Moore, Little Rock. Back row, from left, are Brody Perkins, Carthage; Miranda Perkins, Eupora; Carla Rushing, Noxapater; Kyna Wash, Lena; and Natasha Yeager, Newton. Lee Ann Shirley and Kristie Pilgrim serve as program instructors.

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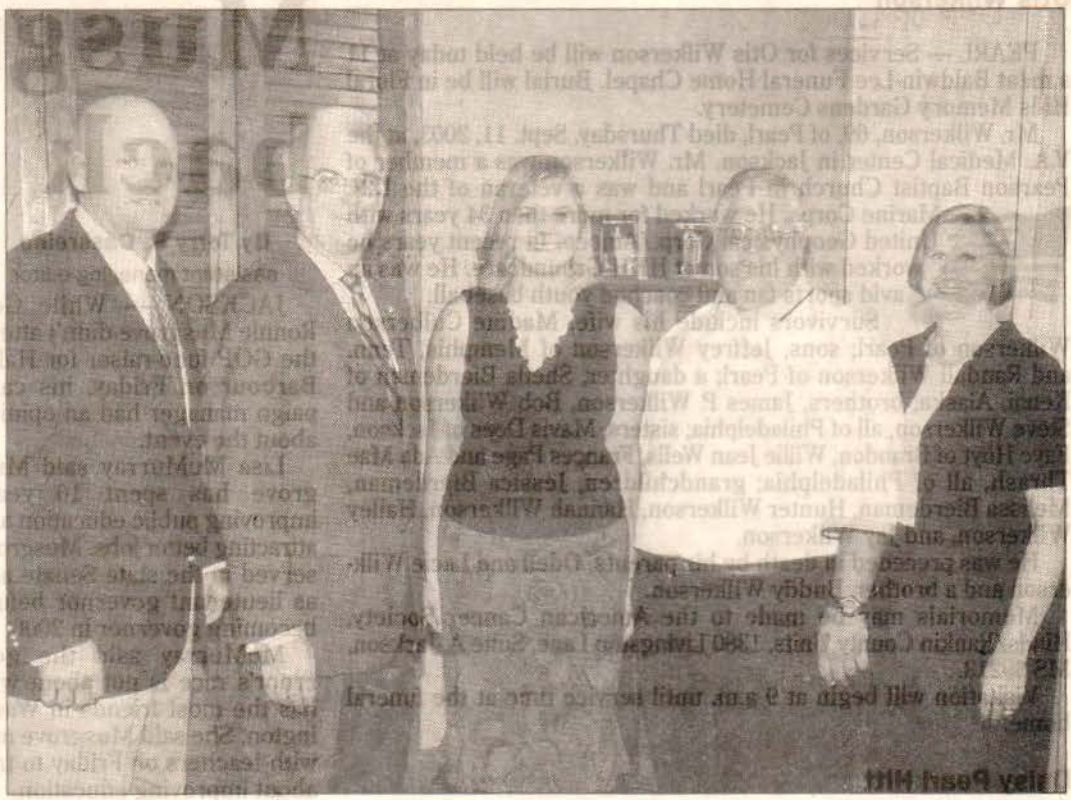

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ECCC STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP

Attending East Central Community College has become even more affordable for sophomore Jennifer Carson, third from left, who recently received a $1,000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. Pictured with the scholarship recipient are, from left: Joe Killens, ECCC's vice president for student services; Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president; and Carson's parents, Tom and Brenda, who also work at ECCC. Tom is director of bands and Brenda is as director of financial aid.

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WEEK OF Sept 22

Scholarships July - Dec 2003

Receives Thomas Scholarship To Attend ECCC
Shonda Nowell (left), a 2003 graduate of Philadelphia High School, is this yearís recipient of The Charles and Judy Dowdle Thomas Scholarship to attend East Central Community College. The Thomas Family established the scholarship in 1997 for a graduate of Philadelphia High School. Mr. Thomas is a member of the ECCC Class of 1964. Nowell received the award at the 2003 BellSouth Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon held on the Decatur campus. She is shown with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, who reside in Louisville, following the presentation. (EC Photo)

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ECCC's Smart wins honors at rodeo

From school reports

MARSHALL, Mo. — East Central Community College rodeo team member Chance Smart of Vardaman won honors in the Bull Riding competition at the season-opening Missouri Valley College Rodeo held Sept. 25-27.

Smart won the Short Go competition, finished third in the Long Go and placed second in the Average with 157 points, just a few points behind first-place winner Thomas Calliham, a member of the host team, who had 162 points.

Drew Walters of Sylva Bay Academy and Matthew Burke of Neshoba Central also qualified for the Bull Riding competition. Zan Tillman of Union advanced to the Short Go competition in Calf Roping and placed seventh overall.

The ECCC men finished seventh in the overall competition with 75 points.

The University of Tennessee-Martin won the men's division with 275 points. Other colleges and their point totals included Missouri Valley College, 200; University of West Alabama, 197.50; University of Arkansas-Monticello, 180; Troy State University, 150; Murray State University, 95; and Southern Arkansas University, 40.

The University of Tennessee-Martin also won the women's competition with 235 points. Rounding out the top five were University of West Alabama, 135; Missouri Valley College and the University of Arkansas-Monticello, both with 120 points; and Murray State University, 30.

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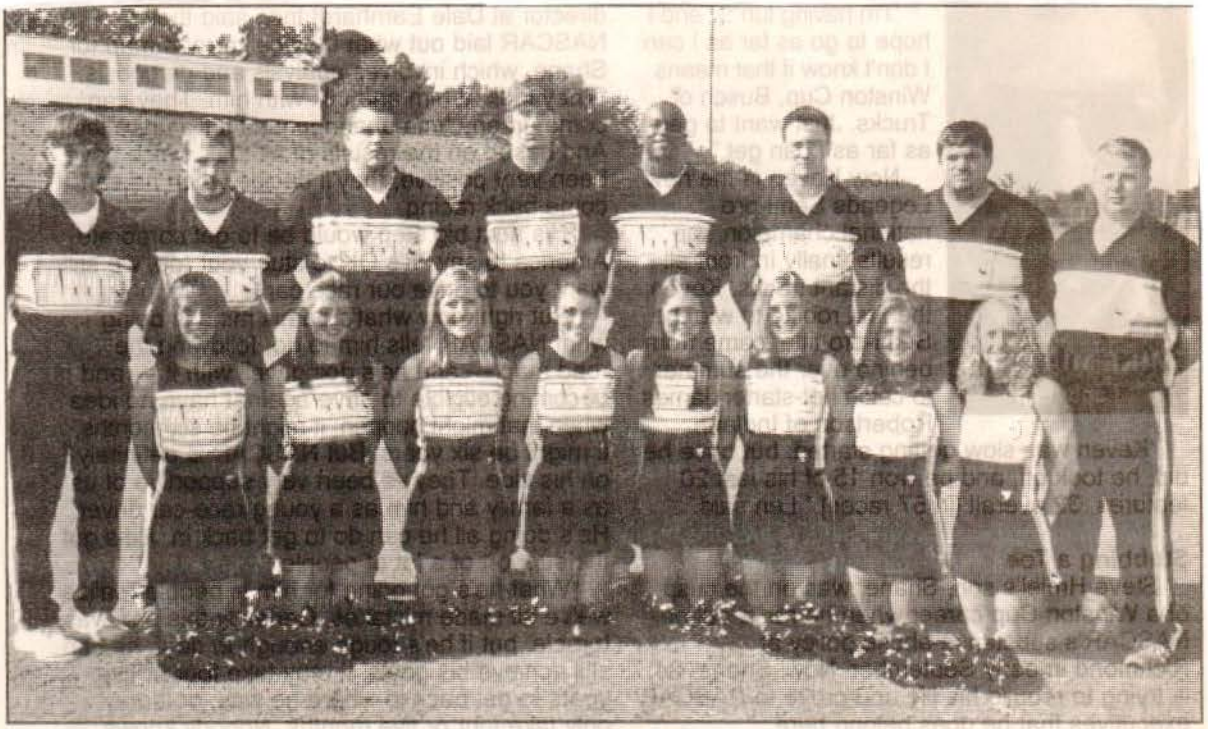

2003-04 ECCC Cheerleaders

Members of the East Central Community College cheerleading squad for 2003-04 and their respective high schools include (kneeling from left) Jennifer Kersh, Enterprise; Courtney Hollingsworth, Scott Central; Lacey Brantley, Carthage; Ashley Buckman, Heidelberg Academy; Audra Myers, Louisville; Brandi Durant, Neshoba Central; Renee Thompson, East Rankin Academy; and Erin Yelverton, Newton County; and (standing from left) Coty Stokes and Colby Clark, both of Nanih Waiya; Matt Brown, Neshoba Central; Justin McDill, Sebastopol; Todd Body, Forest; Blake Jernigan, Nanih Waiya; Heath Dye, Morton; and Zach Thames, Newton. Carrie Underwood serves as sponsor. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Oct 27

ECCC Players Present 'Proof' November 13-15

The East Central Community College Players will present Proof, an award-winning play by David Auburn, at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, November 13-15, in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus.

The menu for the dinner theater presentation features grilled steak, chicken with pasta, corn, salad, baked potatoes, spinach souffle, green beans, rolls, tea and banana surprise. Tickets to Proof are $15 and may be purchased beginning Monday, October 27, by calling Tanya Boler at ECCC, Phone 635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 239.

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Phi Theta Kappa Inductees ~ These Newton County students were recently inducted into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (from left) Elizabeth Terrell of Union, Bambie Holmes and Melissa Kleinschmidt, both of Decatur; Shane Johnston of Lawrence, Dustan Todd of Chunky, Cassie Cleveland of Hickory, Shavon Willis of Conehatta and Cynthia Brantley of Newton. To be selected for membership students must have earned a 3.5 grade point average as a full-time student. Christy Ferguson, Ricky Harrison and Debbie Boyd serve as chapter advisors. (EC Photo)

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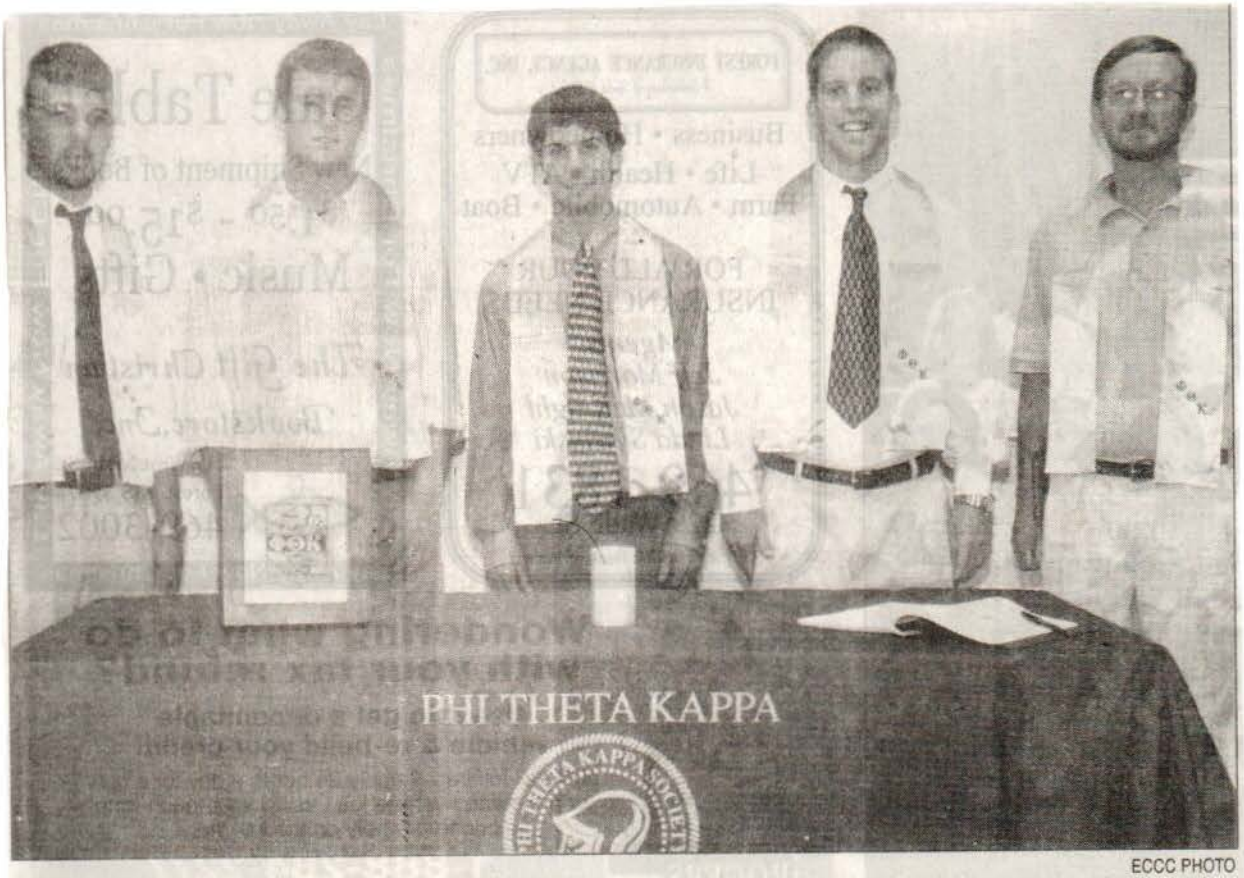

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INDUCTED INTO ECCC PTK CHAPTER

These Scott County students were recently inducted into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (from left) Matthew Smith of Morton, Craig Martin of Lake, Jim Dilley of Forest, Lee Fairchilds of Morton and Blake Warren of Sebastopol. To be selected for membership students must have earned a 3.5 grade point average as a full-time student. Christy Ferguson, Ricky Harrison and Debbie Boyd serve as chapter advisors.

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Phi Theta Kappa Inductees

These Winston County students were recently inducted into Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college, at East Central Community College in Decatur. Pictured are (from left) Ashley Hemphill, Charles Quinn and Marinda Johnson, all of Louisville. To be selected for membership students must have earned a 3.5 grade point average as a full-time student. Christy Ferguson, Ricky Harrison and Debbie Boyd serve as chapter advisors. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Nov 3

ECCC dinner theater features musical revue

It will be "Something Old, Something New, Something Gospel and Something Blue" when East Central Community College presents its fall dinner theater production Nov. 13, 14 and 15 on the Decatur campus.

Instead of presenting a play, the 2003 production is a musical revue featuring selections performed by the college's music department and the ECCC Players. Each night's performance follows a buffet meal served at 7 p.m. in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria.

The special event is being held in observance of the college's 75th anniversary.

Tickets are $15 and may be reserved by calling 635-2111 or, toll free, (877) 462-3222.

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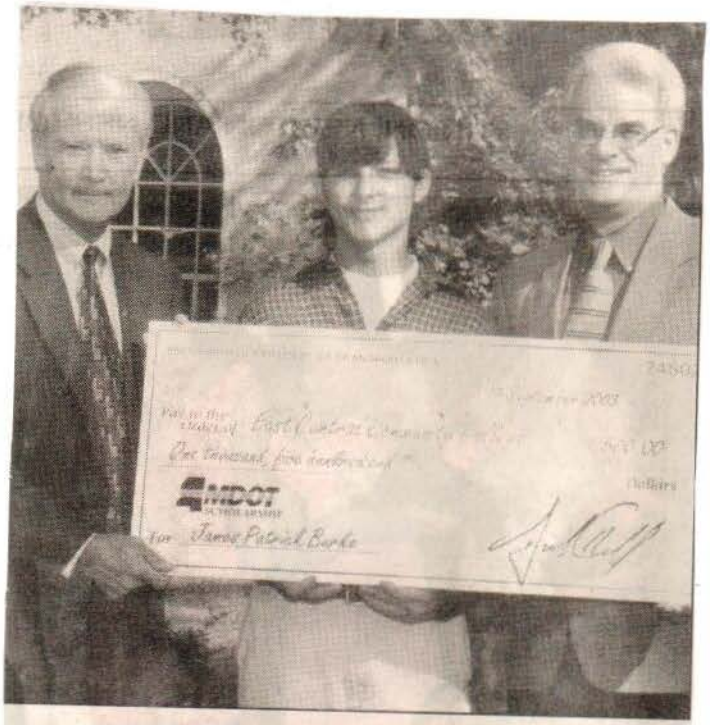
WEEK OF Nov 10



Patrick Burke (center) of Little Rock, a freshman at East Central Community College, recently received a $1,500 scholarship from the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Mississippi Transportation Commission. Commission Chairman Dick Hall (left) made the presentation during a ceremony on the Decatur campus. Also pictured is ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (EC Photo)

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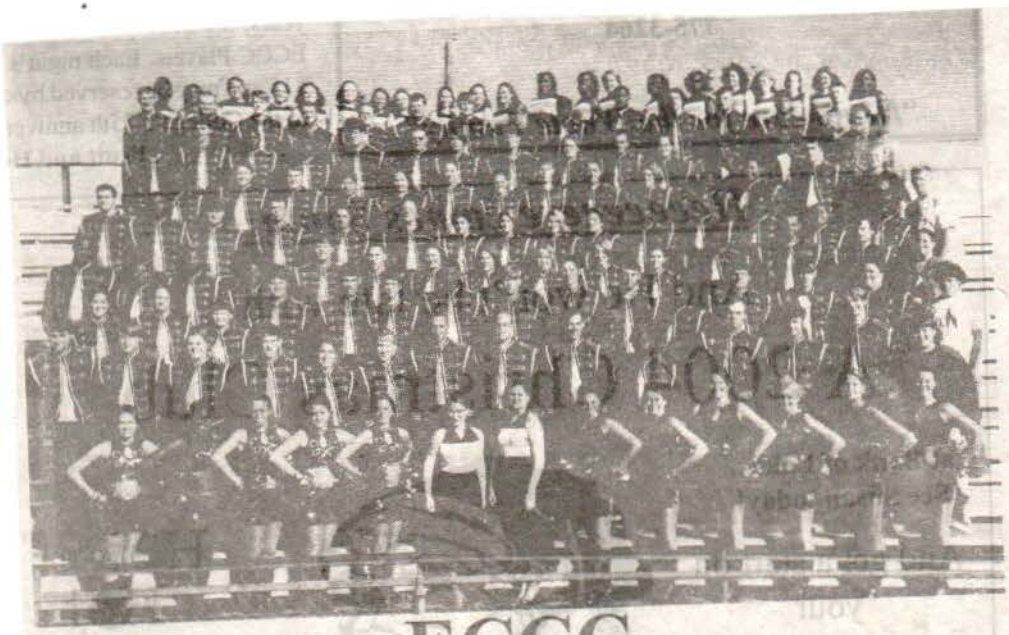

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"Wall O' Sound Marching Band" to headline Lake parade

LAKE--The East Central Community College "Wall O' Sound" Marching Band will highlight this year's CDF Christmas Parade to be held Monday, December 1, 2003 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The parade will begin at the Lake High School and will come down Small Road. It will then turn left onto U. S. Highway 80. The parade will make it's way to Church Street and turn right toward Front Street. At Front Street the parade will turn right to Main Street and then right onto Main Street and back to the school.

Anyone wishing to enter a unit in the parade should call 775-3857.

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WEEK OF Nov. 10

ECCC collegians

ECCC collegians present Fall Concert

From press reports

The campus of East Central Community College in Decatur will once again be rocking to the sounds of the Collegians who will present their fall concert beginning at 8 p.m. Monday, November 17 in Huff Auditorium. There is no charge for admission.

The vocal-instrumental pop group will perform hits by Nickelback, Santana, Kelly Clarkson and other popular artists. .

Thomas W. Carson serves as Collegiansí director and is also a guitarist for the group.

Other members of the Collegians and their respective high schools are vocalists Jennifer Carson of Decatur, Adam McAdory of Louisville, Damien Wash of Hickory, Cassidy Crenshaw of Neshoba Central, Natalie Tanksley of Sebastopol and April Ellis of Edinburg; guitarist Chris Moody of Nanih Waiya; bass guitarist Grant Morris of Neshoba Central; trombonist David Walters of Philadelphia; trumpeters Brian Herring of Morton and Steven Irby of Southeast Lauderdale; saxophonist Liz Tullos of Philadelphia; keyboardist Kristina Harrison of Union; drummer Johnny Jones of Newton; and technicians Jeremy Hamm of Union, Joseph Bozeman of Nehoba Central, Bryan Whitley of Philadelphia, Jason Wallace of Louisville, and Jonathan Walker and RyanLoper, both of Newton County.

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• Guitar — Chris Moody, Nanih Waiya.

• Bass guitar — Grant Morris, Neshoba County.

• Trombone — David Walters, Philadelphia.

• Trumpet — Brian Herring, Morton and Steven Irby, Lauderdale County.

• Saxophone — Liz Tullos, Philadelphia.

• Keyboard — Kristina Harrison, Union.

• Drummer — Johnny Jones, Newton.

• Technicians — Jeremy Hamm, Union; Joseph Bozeman, Neshoba County; Bryan Whitley, Philadelphia; Jason Wallace, Louisville; and Jonathan Walker and Ryan Loper, both of Newton County.

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ECCC'S PHI THETA KAPPA OFFICERS

Serving as officers of East Central Community College's Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges are, from left: Jenna Talbert, Newton, president; Ashley Fleming, Philadelphia, historian and regional historian; Liz Kirk, Louisville, vice president of scholarship; Mandy Eakes, Philadelphia, member representative; Chris Moody, Louisville, vice president of fellowship; Allen Davis, Decatur, vice president of service; Audra Myers, Louisville, secretary/reporter; Jennifer Carson, Decatur, vice president of leadership; and Adam McAdory, Louisville, treasurer. Not pictured are sponsors Debbie Boyd, Christy Ferguson and Ricky Harrison.

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WEEK OF NOV. 17

EC Men Place Fourth in Rodeo

Staff Reports

Chance Smart of Newton won top honors in the Men's All-Around competition and placed in several other events in leading East Central Community College to a fourth-place finish in the annual Warrior Showdown Rodeo held recently in Philadelphia.

The Warriors compiled 135 points in the three-day competition, won by the University of Tennessee-Martin with 312.50 points.

Smart, a sophomore engineering major, also placed second in Bull Riding and fifth in Saddle Bronc Riding. Teammate Matthew Burks of Philadelphia finished third in the Bull Riding event.

Members of the ECCC Rodeo Team in addition to Chance Smart and Matthew Burks include Heather Cheesman, Raymond; Zan Tillman, Union; Kasidi Griffin, Newton; Clint Smith and Philip Speed, both of Enterprise; Lacey Sanborn, Noxapater; Drew Walters, Louin; Haley Rolison, Quitman; Robin Robinson, Mize; Jason Vasquez, Lena; Donald Joe Nowell and Josh Deweese, both of Philadelphia; Brian Lindsey, Forest; and Bobby Cole, Morton.

Larry Dial serves as coach of the College's Rodeo Team, which is a member of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.

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EC Drum Majors

Dian Walters (left) of Philadelphia and Hope Jolly of Forest serve as head drum major and assistant drum major, respectively, for the East Central Community College Wall O' Sound Marching Band for 2003-04. Walters, a sophomore liberal arts major, was assistant drum major for the Wall O' Sound last year. She is a graduate of Philadelphia High School and received All-Superior ratings at State Band Contest. She is the daughter of Lola Walters of Philadelphia. Jolly, a freshman liberal arts major, also received superior ratings leading the Bearcat band at the state competition. Her parents are W. L. and Tena Jolly of Forest.(EC Photo)

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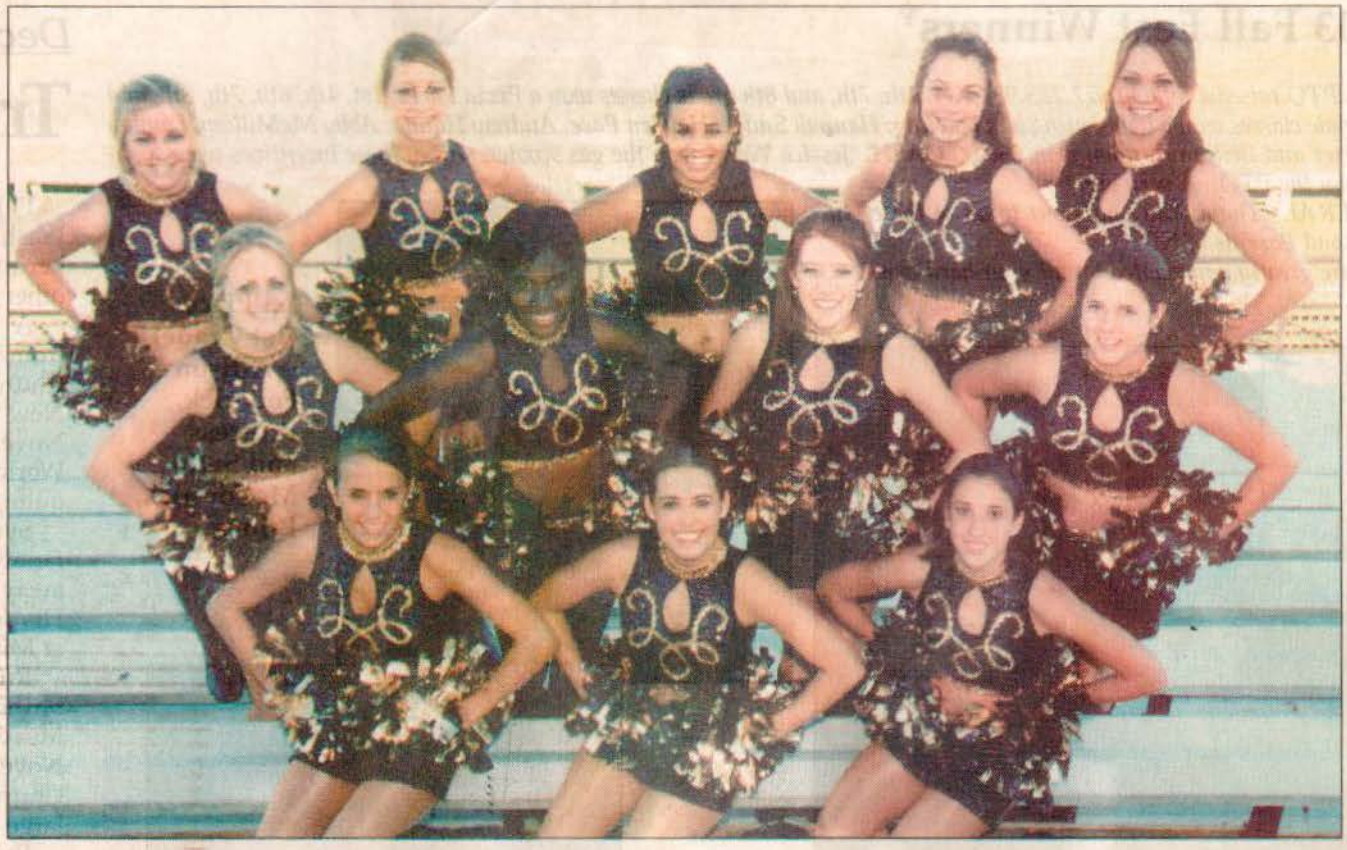

ECCC Centralettes ~ Featured entertainers during halftime activities of East Central Community College football games are the Centralettes, the dance line for the Wall O' Sound Marching Band. Members and their respective high schools include (first row, from left) Rachel Carter, Winston Academy; and Jessica Creekmore and Liz Kirk, both of Nanih Waiya; (second row, from left) Kristin Hedrick, Newton County; Shea Moncrief, Newton; Heather Palmer, Union; and Kery McDill, Newton County; and (third row, from left) Jess Davis and Danielle Pugh, both of Winston Academy; Mary Lois Thomas (captain) and Shelly Ferguson, both of Newton County; and Morgan Richards, Newton County Academy. Lori Muse serves as coordinator/choreographer. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Nov 24

ECCC Ac'cents to present campus concert Dec. 2

The East Central Community College show choir, Ac'cents, will present their fall campus concert Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. in Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium. The popular group will perform hits such as "Celebration" by Kool and the Gang, "A Moment Like This" by Kelly Clarkson, "Doctor Blues" by Manhattan Transfer, "Best Year of Our Lives" from the movie Shrek, "Drift Away" made popular by Dobie Gray, "You Can't Stop the Beat" from the Broadway musical Hairspray and much more. Members include (kneeling from left) Damein Wash of Hickory, Shelby Anderson of Raleigh and Sam McDill of Decatur; (second row, from left) Mary Lois Thomas of Decatur, Kristin Hedrick of Conehatta, Amy Chamblee of Carthage, Victoria Loper of Decatur, Adam McAdory of Louisville and Chris Moody of Nanih Waiya; and (back row, from left) Steven Irby of Meridian, Dinah Howell Lachney of Decatur, Johnny Jones and Katie Ford, both of Newton; and Luke Howell of Little Rock. Vicki Blaylock serves as director. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF Dec 8

ECCC Rodeo Team

Members of the East Central Community College Rodeo Team for 2003-04 are (bottom row from left) Jason Valquez, Josh Deweese, Zan Tillman of Union, Drew Walters, Matthew Burks, Haley Rolison, coach Larry Dial, (top row) Robin Robinson, Philip Speed, Chance Smart, Brian Lindsey, Bobby Cole, Lacey Sanborn, and Kasidi Griffin. The ECCC rodeo team is a member of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association and competes in the Ozark Region, which includes 14 colleges and universities from throughout the country. *(ECCC Photo)*

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WEEK OF Dec. 22

ECCC Concert Choir

Pictured are members of the East Central Community College Concert Choir who are shown prior to the annual fall performance held in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. First row, from left, are Liz Tullos, Philadelphia; Lauren Wooten, Lake; Lindsey Clanton, Lawrence; Dian Walters, Philadelphia; Jessica Creekmore, Louisville; Amber King, Philadelphia; Gwen Ruffin, Newton; and Toccare Jones, Forest. Second row, from left, are Len Bobo, accompanist; Morgan Daugherty, Carthage; Katie Ford, Newton; Felicity Godwin, Hickory; Shelley Brake, Florence; Jennifer Carson, Decatur; Coco Graham, Philadelphia; Jaki Veenstra, Byram; Tomika Hardin, Louisville; and Dr. Chris Jenkins, director. Third row, from left, are Krystal Burton, Noxapater; Emily Mayes, Decatur; Cameron Coleman, Meridian; Chris Smith, Decatur; Steven Irby, Meridian; Grant Morris, Philadelphia; Philip Johnson, Collinsville; Bryon Whitley, Philadelphia; and Daniel Towner, Meridian. Fourth row, from left, are Philip Dickerson, Union; Sam McDill, Decatur; A. Momit Abi Bell, Philadelphia; Johnny Jones, Newton; Anthony Andolino, Noxapater; Brad Sutphin, Luke Howell, and Whitney Owen, all of Decatur; Kiel May, Vicksburg; and Jeremy Hamm, Union. (EC Photo)

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WEEK OF March 24

ECCC Lady Warrior Tennis Team

Members of the East Central Community College women's tennis team for the 2003 campaign are, from left, Kery McDill, Courtney Puckett, Carrie Shrock, Kristen Dunn, and Jennifer Walker. Also pictured is coach Brad Hodge. Not pictured is team member Nikki Tullos. ECCC Photo.

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WEEK OF April 14

Warrior tennis team

Members of the East Central Community College Warrior tennis team for 2003 include, from left, Jeremy Wilcher of Carthage, Brandon Walker of Nanih Waiya, Luke Howell of Decatur, Jason Fulcher of Noxapater, Chris Davis of Louisville and Alan Taylor of Philadelphia. Also pictured is Brad Hodge, Warrior tennis coach. Not pictured is team member Timothy Fieber of Philadelphia.

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WEEK OF May 26, 2003

Receive ECCC Tennis Awards

These tennis team members at East Central Community College received awards at the annual Spring Sports Awards Banquet held in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria on the Decatur campus. From left are Leake Academy product Carrie Shrock of Philadelphia, Warrior Award; Neshoba Central product Jennifer Walker of Philadelphia, most improved; Newton County High School product Kery McDill of Decatur, Warrior Award; and Neshoba Central product Timothy Fieber of Philadelphia, Warrior Award. Not pictured is Jeremy Wilcher of Carthage, most improved. Coach Brad Hodge presented the awards. ECCC Photo.

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